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# Editor's WELCOME

I am so happy that it is May. Predominantly because my little girl turns the grand old age of one at the start of the month but also because in the Royal Borough, it means only one thing: The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is in town. If you have never visited the Royal Hospital or had a ticket to the show before, then beg, borrow or steal one if you dare. This global event is something not to be missed – and you needn't be a gardening expert for it to be of interest. If you enjoy being outside and seeing green spaces, then the innovation, design and concepts that are on show are truly a sight to behold.

The Resident therefore has produced a Chelsea Flower Show special, with sneak previews of some of the gardens and interviews with the designers whose ideas have come to fruition after months of development and it starts on page 33. Shannon Denny rounds up the best Wellington boots on the market on page 87 and Annica Wainwright has put together some of the venues in the near vicinity to the show serving up special dishes and drinks with floral themes attached on page 77. My Residence this month is devoted to Gerardo Vidaurre, manager of the wonderful Chelsea Gardener on page 121 – so we have pulled out all the stops to ensure that the show has been well represented!

This year is also the 175th anniversary of the Royal College of Art and with the final year students' fashion show coming up at the end of May, we thought it fitting to interview the grand dame, head of fashion at the college itself, Wendy Dagworthy, OBE no less. Her input into the careers of many illustrious designers cannot be denied and Catherine McCabe's interview starts from page 12. In addition, The Resident's fashion shoot this month is a compilation of some of the final students' designs and can be seen from page 79.

Now you may well have walked through the streets of London, some areas more often than others, but you probably haven't noticed some of the things that photographer Sonia Fitoussi has picked up on through the lens of her camera. Born in France and having lived in Chelsea for some eight years, Sonia was a lawyer who decided to leave the law books behind and pick up a camera. Her images are funny, observant and depict another 'London.' Read her interview on page 28.

This month we welcome Anna Longmore as our new restaurant reviewer and she has visited La Bodega Negra, Tinello and Burger & Lobster, Lucy Haenlein travelled to the beautiful island of Crete and Lady Sybilla Hart took a sojourn to Lords of the Manor in the Cotswolds. Once you have this magazine in hand, get out into the garden with some sunglasses and have a read. It is May after all.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Nina Theoharis  
Editor



## On the Cover:

Heritage print from the old Peter Jones Drapery department at Peter Jones, Sloane Square. This design will appear on the limited edition Chelsea Bag, available in store throughout the period of the Chelsea Flower Show 2012.



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# Dedicated follower of fashion

In celebration of 175 years of creation at the Royal College of Art, Catherine McCabe talks to its head of fashion and mother of style, Wendy Dagworthy

**F**or phone interviews, there is an unwritten etiquette that stops us asking the un-askable question. But with the brains behind London Fashion Week at the other end of the line, I can't help myself. Wendy Dagworthy, I ask; what are you wearing? She laughs, and as she does I hear the faint jingle-jangle of her trademark bangles in the background. The answer: a black silk Betty Jackson dress with, to use her technical design term, "a frilly bottom," and black patent lace up boots. As Lagerfeld once said from under the giant sunglasses, "You're never underdressed, or overdressed, in a little black dress." When it comes to British fashion, words like "legend," are often bandied about with Dagworthy's name, and perhaps she has earned it. Head of fashion at the Royal College of Art since 1998, she has been the silent partner behind almost every name in British fashion design. This year, the RCA celebrates 175 years of education – years that brought us Hockney, Moore, and of course Dagworthy's well-dressed protégés.

In the late 70s, the UK fashion industry looked about as ground breaking as a pair of tweed trousers. The talent was there, but students had no worthwhile means to showcase their work. Dagworthy set the industry in motion when she corralled young designers to get their voices heard – and their couture admired. The result was the first ever London Fashion Week. "There was no proper platform for designers at that time. I had my first show in the summer of 1979, and we had a breakfast show at the Playboy Club. It was brilliant! Bunnies served people coffee and croissants," she remembers.

Throughout the 80s, she channelled her love of travel into her own collections; an eclectic mix of tribal prints, Thai and Indian-inspired fabrics. However, Dagworthy's real passion lay closer to home. Just before the UK stepped into a world of tragic

I prefer someone who has as a style of their own rather than someone who can just afford to buy expensive clothes

clothing for the 90s, Dagworthy was appointed head of fashion at Central St Martin's. Though she balks at compliments, her tutelage transformed the institution. She has a knack for nurturing real talent, and a skill which bred an A-list fashion brood: Alexander McQueen, Stella McCartney, Suzanne Clements, and Sonja Nuttall – among others. But as she explains, spotting the big names comes easily, "the one thing they all have in common is this amazing drive," she says, "Stella (McCartney) was just a great student, she loved tailoring and off her own back went to work with a tailor so she understood it all, she was so proactive." At the time, Central St Martin's was seen as the edgy maverick – churning out star designers with a shrug of the shoulders. For this reason, many were surprised when Dagworthy accepted the post of head of fashion at the so called 'stuffy' Royal College of Art in '98. "It wasn't actually run by somebody from fashion then. They were a bit textile based," she says.

Although Dagworthy has championed many of the young UK designers that shot to fame straight out of university, she firmly believes in the need for hard ...

Main image, left,  
Head of fashion at  
the Royal College  
of Art, Wendy  
Dagworthy



graft. As the public swooned over celebrity designers, many students began to feel pressure to launch their collections long before they were ready. "It started to give London a bad name," says Dagworthy, "they didn't have any clients, just had fashion shows. They had no idea how they were going to fund it properly or manufacture the orders. Because of that, it was badly made, they weren't delivering on time. With a new collection, be cautious... build it gradually."

Untouched by industry cynicism, Dagworthy is remarkably judgement free - she won't even discriminate between eras. "The 70s were great, the 80s were great, the 90s were great!" she laughs. "You might think, 'oh my god, I'll never wear flares again,' then you see them coming!" When those behind high-end labels claim they love to 'mix it up,' with high street clothes, it can often seem they are just throwing the fashion surfs a bone. But Dagworthy could not be more sincere – what other head of fashion would own up to their love for Westfield, Kensington? A perpetual optimist, she claims she doesn't even believe in bad fashion, "just... different looks." Of course, it helps that one of her favourite high street stores, Cos, was established by an RCA graduate.

Dagworthy's achievements in UK fashion are undeniable – most of them appear in the interview pages of Vogue each month, but she rarely allows herself an indulgence. Except for the one, well deserved day that saw the letters OBE appear after her moniker... "I couldn't believe it when the letter arrived; I went all sort of hot and cold. On the day, I met Prince Charles, he was very chatty and, he loved my hat!" she remembers.

Today, Dagworthy offers as much of her time to her students as possible, but I can't help but wonder, does she miss creating those ethereal tribal collections of the 80s? "I'm still inspired by all those things, but I don't really miss it," she says. "The thing is, you're doing it through the students, so instead of designing one collection, it's so much more." When it comes to catwalk trends, she takes a laissez-faire approach – no trend is off limits. However, when the conversation turns to the argument of fashion versus celebrity, Dagworthy finally lets her disapproval peak through. As each year passes by, media coverage of London Fashion Week drifts from the catwalk to the



This page, above left, Wendy Dagworthy and Betty Jackson; main image, Hannah Buswell, Womenswear 2012; opposite above left, Wendy Dagworthy and Zandra Rhodes; opposite main image, Soren Bach, Millinery 2012



familiar faces of the front row. "It does annoy me. I prefer someone who has a style of their own rather than someone who can just afford to buy expensive clothes. Someone who just puts things together well." Although there are exceptions to the rule; even Dagworthy has been known to submit to the offbeat style of Alexa Chung, and the sartorial elegance of Franca Sozzani.

Listening to Dagworthy's utopian view of style; it's easy to forget the pitfalls of the industry. Hers is a world where Primark boots can tread the catwalk with Burberry jackets. So powerful is her enthusiasm, the darkness of emaciated models and vanity escapes me. We have been so saturated by the contemptuous make-overs of reality TV, it's hard to believe anyone in the fashion world could look a normal person up and down – and not pass comment. But when I ask whom she would most love to dress, she simply can't choose. I suggest the queen, but even HM gets an applause from Dagworthy for her canary suits. "She's got her own look, she's very brave to wear such fantastic colours - and hats!"

London fashion is a very different world to that constructed by Dagworthy and co, stitch by stitch, in 1979. The clothes have shrunk, and the egos have grown. The initial London Fashion Week was one of diplomacy, designers supporting one another as a collective. Now, the numbers have doubled, and young start-ups are heavily reliant on the press to have their names heard. "It can be very cutthroat and fickle," says Dagworthy. "The industry is not always supportive of young designers, one minute they're praised, the next they're down. But I think you should never read your own publicity, you can go down as quickly as you go up." No matter how capricious this world can be, Dagworthy will always be there to set the balance. "Look, I love what I do, I learn so much from my students, it's thrilling. When I retire, I'll still love fashion." She's the Mother Hubbard of the fashion industry – with better shoes. }

*The Royal College of Art is giving two lucky readers of *The Resident* the chance to see this year's final students fashion show on 30 May at 4pm. Be the first to email [media@rca.co.uk](mailto:media@rca.co.uk) to win.*



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## *A ton of fun*

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Susie Bubble



Tommy Ton



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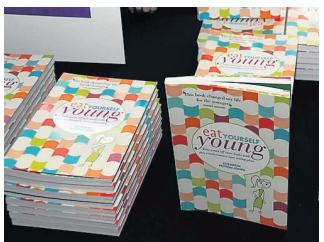


Charlie Casely-Hayford

# Social SCENE



Above: Thandie Newton and Elizabeth Peyton-Jones  
Left to right: *Eat Yourself Young*; Venessa Hanka and Marcus Newton; Violet Fraser, Elizabeth Peyton-Jones and Sandra Ellis



Above, left to right:  
Marinna Shannon  
(Peyton-Jones' sister),  
and Zac Shannon; Lisa  
Butcher and Michael  
Jacobsen; Joan Rolls,  
Richard McAlpine and  
Baroness von Holstein



Above: Guests at the launch party of *Eat Yourself Young*  
Left: Richard McAlpine and Julia Peyton-Jones; Elizabeth's mum meets Thandie Newton and daughter Riley



Left: Jolyon Neubert,  
Esi Neubert and  
Tanja Rusi; Elizabeth  
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Olga MacKenzie and Charlotte Ellis



Lana Holloway and Marwan Chatila



Olga Balakleets and Hugo Allen

## *All that glitters*

Chatila jewellers on Old Bond Street opened its doors to party goers for International Womens Day. The event was co-hosted by Arsenal Football Club's Andrey Arshavin who is a patron of the SOS charity. Guests donated generously to the charity of the evening, SOS with the money going towards the care of orphaned children in Pushkin, Russia. Presenters for the evening were Marianna Maximovskaya (the best known anchor woman in Russia) and Seva Novgorodchev from BBC Seva.

*Photographs by Gabor Scott*



Greg Cowling and Olga Cowling



Elizabeth Jones and Yulia Arshavin

# *Social* SCENE



Chris Jones, Cheryl Konteh, Priscille Neefs



Lucy Oldman, Poppy Tinkler-Hunt and  
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THURSDAY

- 17** Proud Chelsea are bringing the swinging 60s back to life with a new exhibition: 'Faces of the Sixties: Photographs by Justin de Villeneuve.' Proud were granted exclusive access to Villeneuve's archive for this never seen before exhibit. The striking black and white imagery captures energy of iconic 60s figures such as Twiggy and singer/novelist Marsha Hunt (pictured above.) Until 8 July.  
*Proud Chelsea, 161 King's Road, SW3 5XP  
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[proudonline.co.uk](http://proudonline.co.uk)*

WEDNESDAY

- 23** The Science Museum hosts 'Universe of Sound'- a new digital installation of a virtual Philharmonic Orchestra. Visitors can step inside the heart of a symphony orchestra taking on the role of musician, conductor or composer. *Exhibition Road, SW7 2DD, [sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://sciencemuseum.org.uk)*

FRIDAY

- 11** Kensington Dollhouse Summer Festival is the largest of its kind in the world. Discover uniquely crafted houses and dolls in a range of periods and styles. There will be talks and a doll-making competition. From £4, *Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street W8, 020 7812 9892, [dollhousefestival.com](http://dollhousefestival.com)*

THURSDAY

- 17** The Rook and Raven gallery presents the first solo show of Penny, a Central Saint Martin's graduate whose intricate hand cut stencils have been taking the art world by storm. 0207 323 0805  
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FRIDAY

- 18** Croatian artist Ana Tzarev's vivacious floral paintings will be in bloom at the Saatchi Gallery until 16 June. The exhibition will display a selection of her large-scale flower creations which burst from the canvas. Her use of impasto transforms the images, and the way we see flowers. *Duke Of York's HQ, King's Road, SW3 4RY  
[saatchi-gallery.co.uk](http://saatchi-gallery.co.uk)*



SATURDAY

- 19** A collection of 60 ball gowns, lovingly designed, worn and photographed over 60 years are to go on display in the Victoria and Albert's fashion gallery. There will be a selection of royal ball gowns, including Princess Diana's 'Elvis Dress.' *V&A, Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL; 020 7942 2000, [vam.ac.uk](http://vam.ac.uk)*

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- 31** In anticipation of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing at the Royal Albert Hall for a star studded event of divine classical music. Expect to hear 'God Save the Queen,' like you've never heard it before. *Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP, 020 7589 8212, [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com)*

THURSDAY

- 24** Trust in Fashion will be playing host to a catwalk show created by John Walford at Café de Paris in aid of the Rainbow Children's Charity. The event will be followed by an after-show party at Chinawhite. Tickets are priced at £100. Find out more at *[trustinfashion.org](http://trustinfashion.org)*

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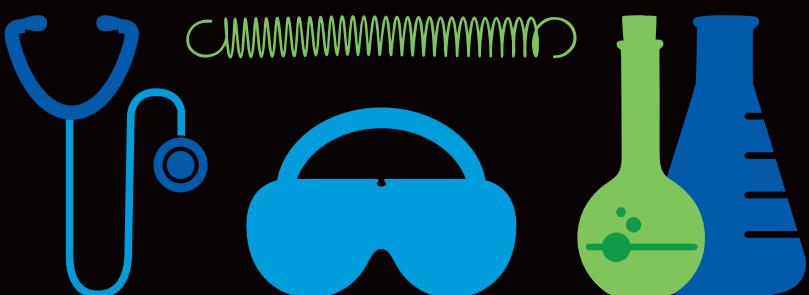
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# Round up

by Catherine McCabe



From far left:  
Opera Holland Park,  
Bettany Hughes,  
Jeremy Paxman

## A way with words

Some of the biggest names in literature, politics and comedy will join forces for a new literature festival in Holland Park this month. The event, to be held in Opera Holland Park, boasts an eclectic programme. Visitors can choose from indulgent foodie discussions with Sophie Dahl, to historial debates with Jeremy Paxman.

A last minute addition to the programme includes a rare appearance from AA Gill, who will be interviewed by none other than comedian Jimmy Carr at the festival.

Historian Bettany Hughes will also be on hand to discuss 'Socrates and the Good Life,' on 19 May. In anticipation of the event, Hughes said: "Holland Park has always had a kind of magic about it; mankind can mess things up, but this oasis also reminds

me we do try to make things better and create places of quiet beauty. Well that beauty and magic is multiplied by Words In The Park. Take your pick from Sandi Toksvig and John McCarthy or P D James chatting with old mate Penelope Lively. I'll be heading to Gavin Pretor-Pinney's 'Looking at Clouds' - and then lie in the grass to do my own bit of cloud-spotting."

Words in the Park takes place 18 to 20 May, visit [wayswithwords.co.uk](http://wayswithwords.co.uk)



## Blooming Chelsea

The Chelsea in Bloom competition returns this month with a challenge to Chelsea retailers to transform their store fronts with floral art installations. In 2011, Tiffany & Co won with their abstract oriental display. This year, the theme is 'Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and English Eccentricity.' From the 21-25 May, expect to see changes from Sloane Square to Pont Street.

## K&C grows its first Fringe

Between the iconic flower show and the launch of an eco-friendly Chelsea Fringe, May is shaping up to be a very green month. From 19 May to 10 June, the Fringe will champion the importance of natural spaces in an urban environment in the form of a horticultural festival.

It's set to be the affordable alternative to the illustrious flower show – where visitors can enjoy community gardening, access to exclusive green spaces and performance art for the price of a Travelcard. The event is run by several hundred volunteers and supporters, all aiming to share excitement of city gardening.

Chelsea Fringe's founder and director Tim Richardson says, "The

open-access principle of the Fringe means that just about anything goes – as long as it's legal." This year, The RHS celebrates its 99th birthday, demonstrating the significance of the Fringe. It has taken just under a century for a rival festival to emerge against The Chelsea Flower Show.

Visitors can expect events such as Guerrilla Gardening, and access to 113 gardens.



Urban gardening with the Chelsea Fringe

# All seeing eye

Chelsea resident and self made photographer Sonia Fitoussi is showing Londoners a different side to their city with her idiosyncratic portraits of the capital, writes Catherine McCabe

**W**hen tourists arrive in London for the first time, they are inevitably drawn to the ubiquitous sites. Afternoons are spent ticking boxes, visiting one historical site after another. By the end of the holiday – they come home with the same photos as every one else: a mug shot with a Beefeater, landscapes from the capsule of the London Eye and of course; pinching the top of Big Ben. However, when Sonia Fitoussi, a lawyer from Normandy, first came to the capital – she was not interested in the postcard pastiche, but the hidden quirks that we rarely see. “When I first came to London, I fell in love with the city, and I fell in love through my camera,” she beams. She pointed her lens down covert alleyways, at peeled graffiti and the unwitting expressions of London bobbies.

The most enchanting thing about travelling to different cities is the unfamiliar – discovering a world beyond your own. Such was her connection with the aesthetics of London, Fitoussi and her family moved from their home in Paris to take up permanent residence in Chelsea; an area which offers constant inspiration. “Tourists never see the right part of London. On King’s Road, you take a right you take a left and you see things you would never imagine – the gardens! It’s all so romantic. I’m very lucky to live in Kensington and Chelsea.” Originally, she had worked as a lawyer, but it was never her calling. “Deep inside of me, I was always an artist,” she says.

As a green London local, she captured countless images, but it was the encouragement of her children that gave her the confidence to turn her passion into a profession. “In Kensington there was a French bookshop, which was also a gallery. I showed [the owner] my photographs and she absolutely loved

them. I had my own exhibition – so that gave me trust and confidence. I thought, why not me?” Today, Fitoussi is commissioned for regular solo exhibitions, including an upcoming show at the Hollywood Road Gallery on 12 May. She has no formal training, and shuns the use of photoshop, but Fitoussi feels no disadvantage from being self-taught. In fact, it seems to give her work an untouched, utopian feel.

Fitoussi manages to capture both the obvious and the obscure, showing us the idiosyncratic side to the city we would never think to notice. “What I love about London is that it has such humour – it’s very classical and quirky at the same time.” The key to Fitoussi’s work is her ability to find comedy in the strangest of places. One of her favourite shots is ‘The Bin at Ascot,’ an elegant shot of a lady

at the races, tipping back her feathered hat as an Ascot recycling bin peaks out to spoil the scene. Her work shows the commitment of a true anglophile – without stating the obvious.

Fitoussi uses sepia tones and shadow to contrast with sudden bursts of colour. “The colours of London are very powerful; the letterboxes are red, the buses are red, if you ask people what colour is London, I think they would say red.”

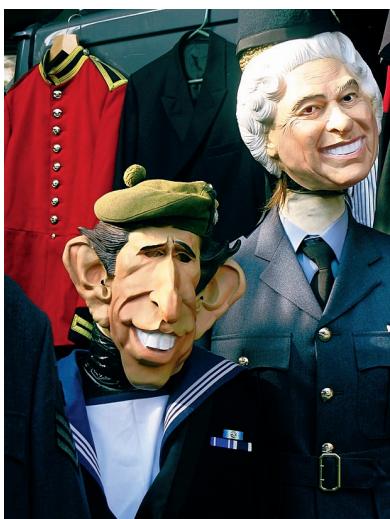
With French as her mother tongue, Fitoussi at times struggles to articulate the meaning behind her work, but with a little help, it all becomes clear: “It’s a contradiction. Actually, that’s exactly what it is, a dichotomy of London,” she smiles.}

12-19 May  
Hollywood Road Gallery, Hollywood Road, SW10  
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On King's Road, you take a right, you take a left and you see things you would never imagine... it's all so romantic





# Reality bites

A supporter of the London Lifestyle Awards since its inception, Sinitta is no stranger to the public spotlight. Catherine McCabe enjoys asking questions about Brad Pitt, David Essex and, of course, Simon Cowell

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**I**t's 10am in the middle of Soho and we have lost Sinitta. One 80s pop star, last seen in a sparkling pink dress, clicking her heels to the nearest coffee shop. It's all hands on deck as the London Lifestyle Awards team negotiate the search party. But as the three of us fiddle with our Blackberrys, she appears in the doorway, buried in her trademark mop of curls, laughing at her flustered group of publicists.

Though born in Seattle, Sinitta has lived in Fulham for longer than she cares to admit. As far as she's concerned, her heart belongs to the capital, and she loves nothing more than celebrating the city. As such a regular face at the London Lifestyle Awards, I felt it was only fair to let Sinitta select her dream table for

the ceremony: "Definitely not Pete Burns," she laughs. "I think I'd like Kyle Minogue, Oliver Martinez can join, I'll steal him when she goes to the loos – and I'd definitely have Simon [Cowell].” I point out he'd probably spend the evening criticising the food. “We'll just give him a cottage pie to keep him quiet,” she smiles.

For her latest venture, Sinitta has decided to support some unsung heroes of her own, using a specialist website named Attinis. With its moniker taken from “Sinitta spelled backwards”, Attinis is an online hub for talented hopefuls. The singer invites young dancers and musicians to “benefit from my mistakes, and do better than I did.”



It is no secret that Sinitta's pop career was short lived. Though championed by her then partner, Simon Cowell, by the time the 80s had drawn to a close, she was fading fast from the charts. So what went wrong? "When I started, I was self managed, I didn't have a game plan – I definitely didn't have a business plan," she says. "I wish I had, instead I just sporadically jumped around," she sighs.

When she isn't hiding her modesty with palm leaves, it's Sinitta's relationship with Cowell that attracts the attention. The two are firm friends, but when spotted in public, tabloid speculation about their 'romance' spreads. Surely it must be difficult to keep things platonic? "That's a confusing question," she says, looking less than impressed. "We've been on and off for years, but I think we've finally reached a place where we are both happy and comfortable, and we can stay like this for the rest of our lives," she says. But Cowell is the least of Sinitta's A-list trysts; many moons ago she dated Brad Pitt. I had to ask – are they still in touch? "I am not really in [contact] with Brad anymore. David Essex though (with whom she had a long term relationship), I am in touch with his daughter Verity because we were like sisters."

Since *X Factor*'s first series in 2004, Sinitta has been no stranger to reality TV. *Celebrity Wife Swap*, *Dancing on Ice*, the dreaded jungle – she's done them all. But a succession of health problems in 2011 left her out of action. Having undergone surgery for a benign tumour in her stomach, she broke her ankle, leaving her bound to a wheelchair and crutches. "It's still troubling me, but I want to push through it. I want to wear high heels and I want to dance." Just two days after our interview, Sinitta more than kept to her word and managed to run the Olympic track in support of the NSPCC.

Recently, Sinitta lavished Jessie J with Twitter praise for her judging skills on *The Voice*. Of course, it's not just Jessie's panel prowess that's caught her attention. "I love that – what's his name, Danny from The Script. Is he married? Is he a grown up?" Which reminds me, did she really coin the term 'Toy Boy' with her original hit? "I didn't deliberately; I didn't mean it the way it means now," she laughs. With that, Sinitta is beckoned to her photoshoot on the roof of the Sanctum Soho Hotel. She downs the last of her Americano from a cardboard cup, re-applies make-up at lightning speed and runs for the lift. She's a Londoner alright. }

## ***The nominations continue...***

### ***Best Bar***

Last year's winner was McQueen, but how about traditional favourite The Troubadour?

### ***Best Hotel***

The location for our Sinitta shoot was the Sanctum Soho Hotel but how about The Cadogan?

### ***Best Restaurant***

Searcy's at the National Portrait Gallery took last year's crown. How about San Lorenzo or the Painted Heron?

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## **Jason Gale believes the attraction of talent is what makes this city different...**

London is a-buzz with hopeful new stars, however we are so spoilt with opportunity that we often miss or do not recognise the exciting talent which we come into contact with every day.

A great friend of mine who moved to the city from a dour Lancashire town always used to say that he did not move to London to go to Pizza Express and instead spent many hours visiting the capital's independent restaurants, bars and tea shops. It was the talent and creativity so integral to these businesses which drew him back time and time again.

My own regular perch, Cafe Boheme in Soho, draws me for similar reasons. It brims with talented people not only working alongside me in our modern 'shared office', but with the passion and skill of the staff; my waitress Awa is up at 5.30am each day to begin her graceful performance, conducting orchestral moves and whirling around like a Dervish.

Last week I saw a show-stopping performance of another kind when I was invited to the World Premiere of *Titanic* 3D. As you can imagine, the red carpet at the truly stunning Royal Albert Hall was one of the largest I've ever seen, glittering with stars. My American guests absolutely loved the magnificence of the historic venue.

I was also lucky enough to recently be among the first guests to visit the Olympic Stadium to witness the first ever races in the lead up to the greatest show on earth. The vision and belief we have shown in creating this immense sporting village is to be admired and celebrated, not just this summer, but for many years to come. A very fitting platform to celebrate talent in every sector.

I really think it is the duty of all of us to enjoy this city and to celebrate the people who make it great; the talented individuals who have the vision and the passion to keep on pushing boundaries, creating new styles, merging old and new and improving with it our own lifestyle.



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# Show time

Your quintessential guide to the Chelsea Flower Show, by Nina Theoharis

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is not just a local event in The Resident's hallowed area. It is a global phenomenon where visitors come from across the world to see some of the most spectacular creations in the gardening world. Gardeners, some who are old Chelsea pros to those showing for the very first time, start with an initial idea and weave their way through a painstaking process of hand-picking, sourcing, design, development and then the actual construction in the grounds of the Royal Hospital. The results are nothing less than individual works of art, completely inimitable and original to this most famous gardening show.

The Resident has taken the time out to find out more about some of the gardeners who are exhibiting, with a sneak preview of their gardens and their thoughts on Chelsea. Alongside the famous Show Garden category, we also preview the Artisan Garden category, where exhibits must use natural and sustainably resourced materials as well as traditional craftsmanship and the new for 2012, the Fresh category, that invites gardeners to come up with more cutting-edge, experimental and less conventional designs.

If you get the chance to visit the beautiful grounds of The Royal Hospital over the course of the Chelsea Flower Show, you are sure to be in for a special treat as this preview shows. »»



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## The Homebase Teenage Cancer Trust Garden designed by Joe Swift



Television personality Joe Swift enters this year's Show Garden category for the first time with a garden that he describes, "focuses on the power and impact of natural materials and plants in the city. In amongst all the concrete, steel and glass, natural forms such as wood and stone have a magnetic quality whilst trees and plants breathe life and green into it." There are four large cedar wood frames which divide up the garden but draw the eye through key views in the garden. Joe says, "I'm hoping they will introduce a certain wow factor and become a memorable element."

Having visited the flower show often since becoming a professional gardener and loved it, Joe feels a certain affinity to Chelsea. "It's full of fabulous ideas and unrivalled quality and is by far my favourite week in the gardening year. I've always wanted to create a Chelsea garden myself so this year will be particularly special."

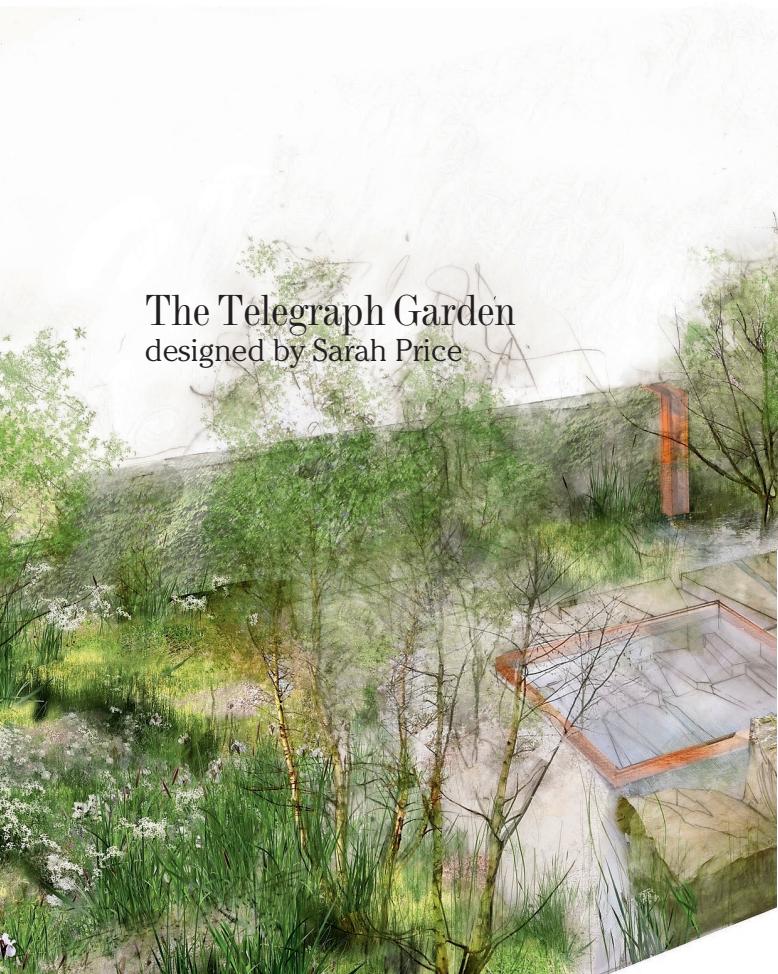
Once the show is over, Joe's garden will be sold off and all proceeds will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust.



## Quiet Time - The DMZ Forbidden Garden designed by Jihae Hwang for MUUM

During times of war, nature is destroyed and land is left barren with no vegetation. Designer Jihae Hwang hopes to show just how resilient nature can be however, by reproducing the landscape found in the demilitarised zone between North and South Korea. During the Korean War, vital ecosystems were devastated but 60 years on, the demilitarised area has become a sanctuary where many indigenous plants have resurfaced and birds have migrated there. Jihae Hwang hopes that through her garden she can show the healing power that nature has and will include many native Korean species along with plants that are traditionally used for treatment after wartime. A guard tower in the centre of the garden will be the dominant feature, from which visitors will be able to view the entire show garden area, but will signify the boundary where prisoner exchange would take place after the war.

## The Telegraph Garden designed by Sarah Price



This is Sarah Price's third show garden at Chelsea, her inspiration coming from her childhood experiences of the British countryside. "My father always sought out wild, out of the way places across the British Isles," she says, "many of which had an intense beauty and mystique about them." Sarah will be using many birch trees, which while a very common tree, is integral to the design. "The trees are often overlooked even though they have such a graceful and natural form." For Sarah, the Chelsea Flower Show represents, "a great coming together of the profession so the pressure and atmosphere is both immense and addictive." She goes on to say, "Exhibiting at Chelsea in 2007 and 2008 launched my career and it's a real privilege to be back this time for The Telegraph."

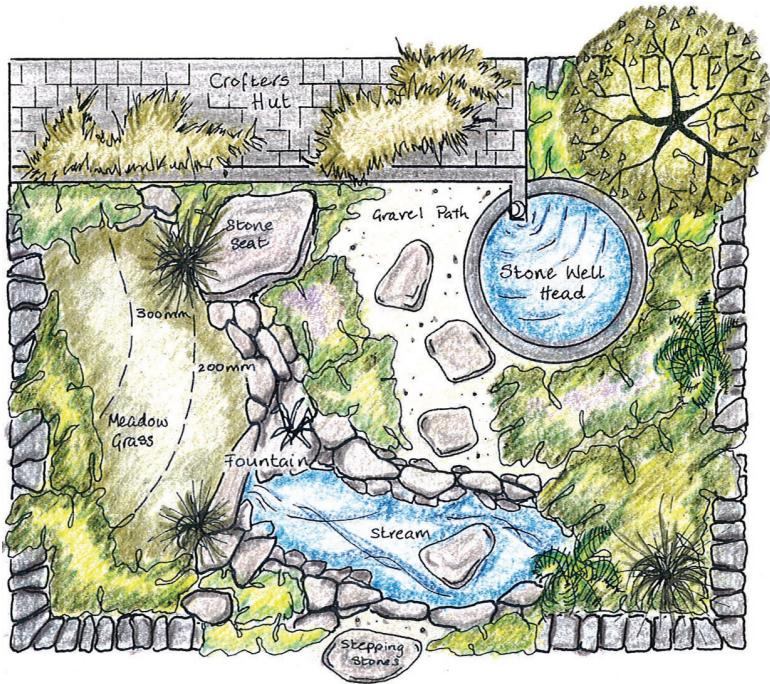


## Trailfinders Australian Garden presented by Fleming's Nurseries designed by Jason Hodges

Jason Hodges is a well-known television personality in Australia who has created a garden which plays homage to his home town of Sydney. "The garden design is inspired mostly by my love of the east coast of Australia – so Sydney is represented by the walls which remind me of the piers of the Harbour Bridge, the floor is reflective of Melbourne's streets, curbs and gutters and the palms are found right across the east coast including Queensland's Gold Coast, around the Harbour in Sydney and in Melbourne's eclectic bay-side suburbs." The standout feature in Jason's garden are the palms, that he and his team sourced from Spain.

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is an event that means a great deal to Jason. "It's such an honour, particularly as an Australian landscape designer, to have an opportunity to show at what we consider the most prestigious garden event in the world."





## The Veolia Water Garden designed by Vicky Harris

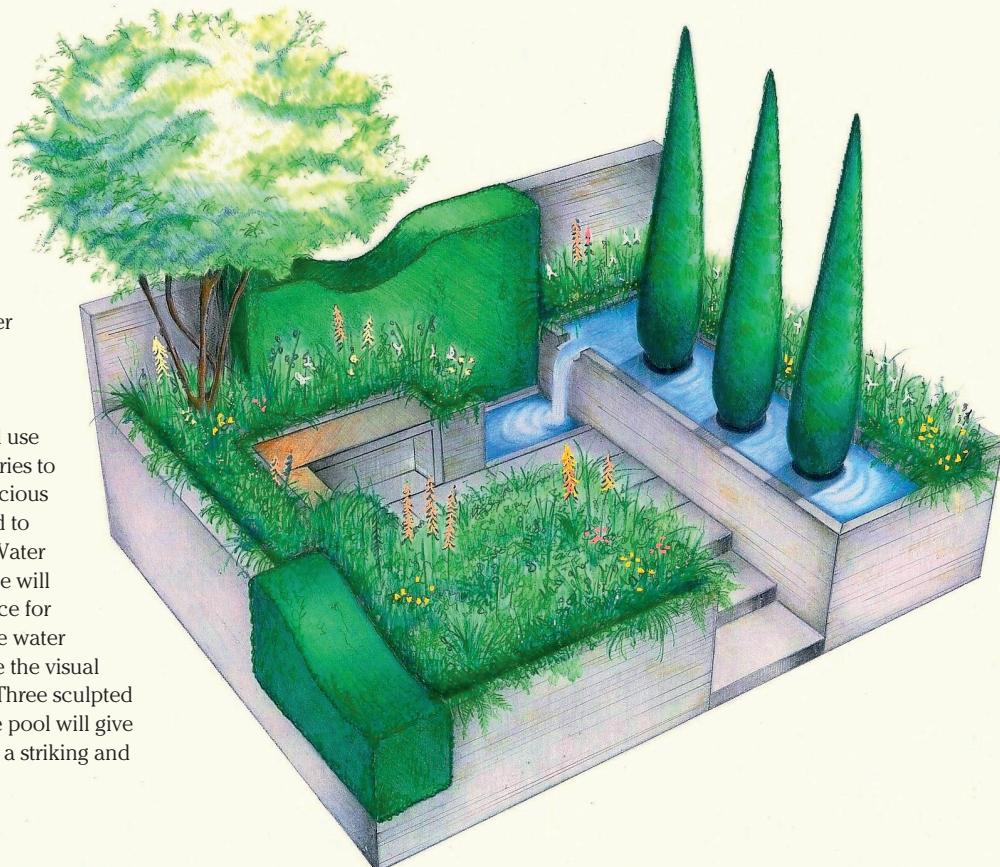
The Veolia Water garden designed by Vicky Harris has been inspired by William Wordsworth's poem, *The Fountain*, and will depict a Cumbrian landscape, complete with a grazing meadow, fountain, stream, a stone well and a rustic crofter's hut. It will set out to demonstrate the inventive ways to conserve water and achieve a beautiful garden during times of drought.

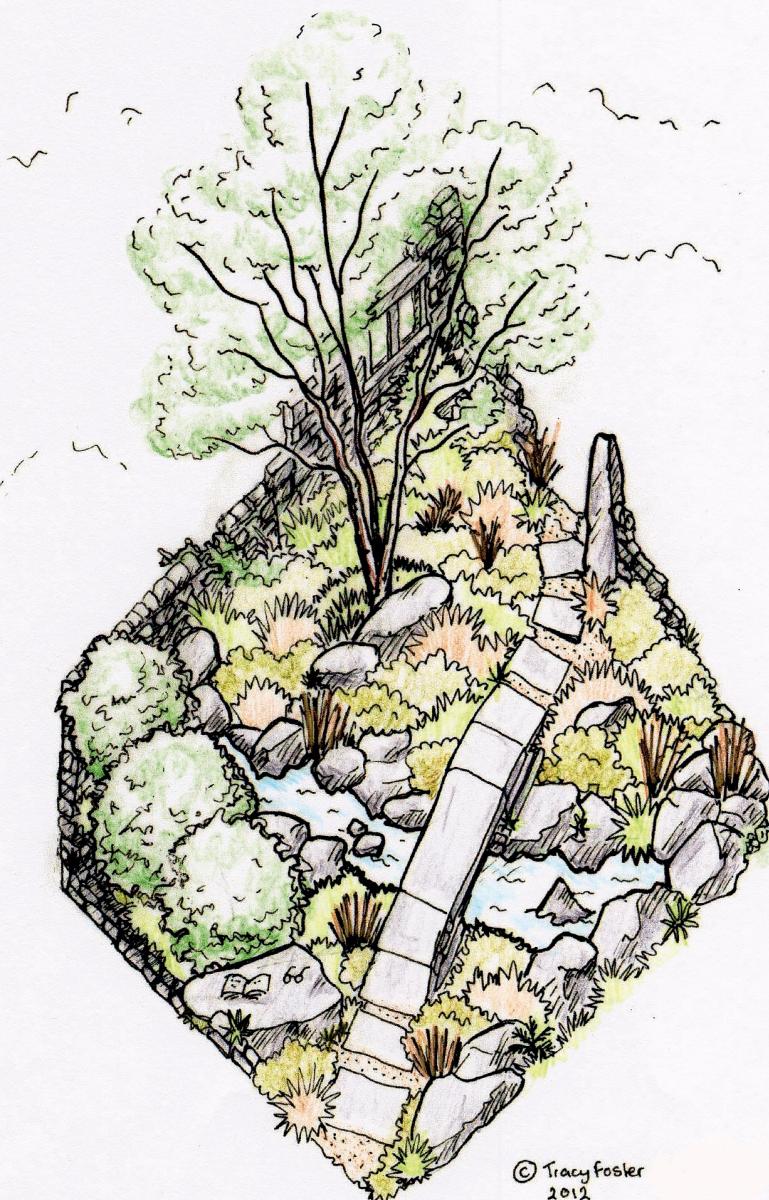
The garden will include drought-tolerant plants that can withstand a dry summer as well as drought-tolerant meadow turf. The profound importance of rainwater harvesting will be shown through a 'rain chain' that will direct water from the crofter's hut roof into the well that in turn forms a reservoir. Other features that will encourage water efficiency include the use of gravel to enable water absorption and a small hill which will allow water to drain off naturally into the surrounding areas.

## ARTISAN GARDENS

### The APCO Worldwide Garden designed by Ruth Willmott and Frederic Whyte

This is Ruth Willmott and Frederic Whyte's debut at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and their design offers a different interpretation of the term 'artisan', combining historical Italian design and contemporary British planting. They will use Lithoverde stone for the garden boundaries to demonstrate how environmentally-conscious artisan production methods can be used to create outdoor spaces. Inspired by the Water Table at Villa Lante at Bagnaia, the space will celebrate the role of the garden as a place for communication and contemplation. The water feature has infinity edges and is set to be the visual and acoustic focal point of the garden. Three sculpted trees (*Thuja occidentalis*) planted in the pool will give the illusion of floating on water, making a striking and living water sculpture.





## The Welcome to Yorkshire Garden designed by Tracy Foster

This garden celebrates the rugged but beautiful Yorkshire landscape which inspired the famous Brontë sisters. "I became fascinated by the story of this intensely creative family who lived in the parsonage at Haworth, on the edge of the Pennine Moors," says Tracy. "There is no doubt that they were inspired by the wild yet beautiful landscape around them. The garden represents a real place known to the Brontës as 'The Meeting of the Waters' where two streams converge at a stone clapper bridge and where the sisters were said to come to play and read." The stone used in the garden has been hand-picked from a long abandoned moorland quarry, complete with grit stone, lichens and moss. For Tracy, The Chelsea Flower Show is where "gardening meets show business, with a sprinkling of magic thrown in! It is an honour to be part of it and it's a wonderful opportunity for me to make contacts from all over the country."



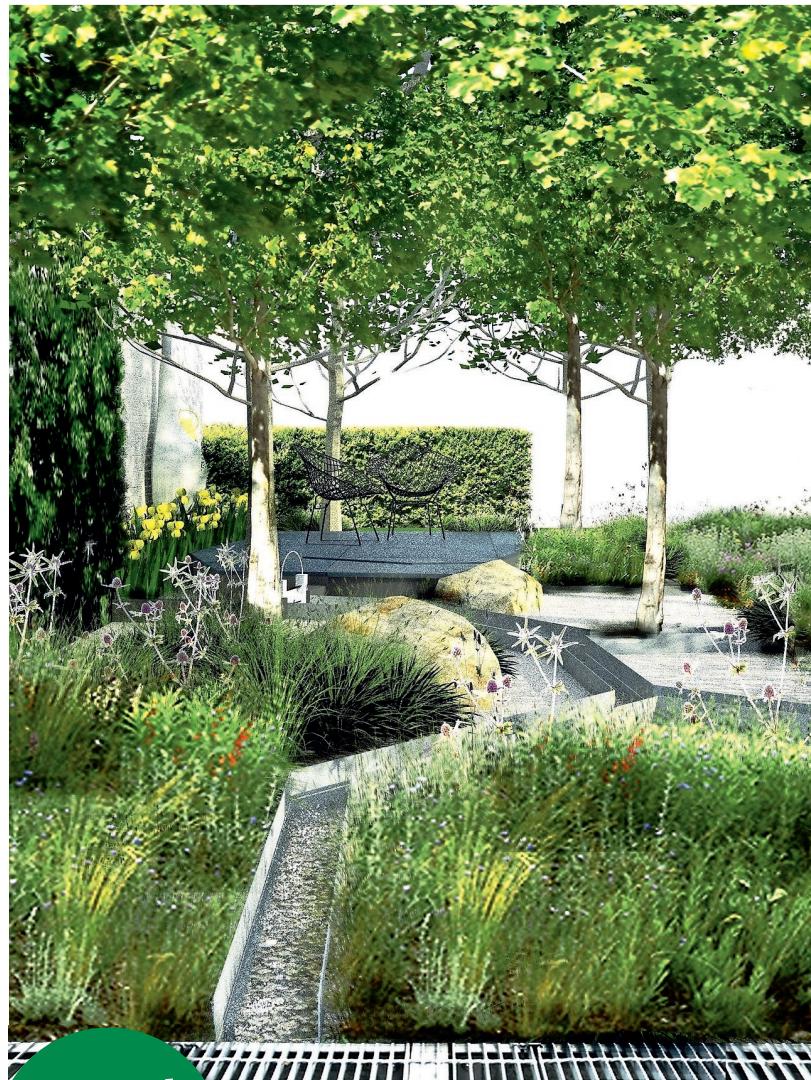
## The Plankbridge Hutmakers Ltd Garden designed by Adam Woolcott and Jonathan Smith

Adam Woolcott and Jonathan Smith, RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold-medal winners in the Courtyard Category on three previous occasions, return with a design for the Plankbridge Hutmakers Garden. Inspired by the Dorset countryside, written about in Thomas Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*, the garden's centrepiece will be a handcrafted shepherd's hut based on the one featured in the opening of the book. Plankbridge Hutmakers have revived the craft of making and restoring antique shepherds' huts and theirs is the first of its kind at the show. Many of the plants Adam and John will use will be British native wild flowers and the planting, loosely based on a water meadow at Waterston Springs, in the middle of 'Thomas Hardy Country.'



## The Climate Calm Garden in association with Southern Water, Thames Water, South East Water, Sutton & East Water designed by Nicholas Dexter Garden Designs

The Climate Calm garden is a response to the effects of climate change which are changing weather patterns and the way gardens are created and maintained. Nicholas says, "this year the South East is in drought and the four water companies behind the garden wanted to show a beautiful, sustainable garden which can withstand these extreme temperatures. The cracks in the garden reflect the cracks in the earth produced by the prolonged dry weather, yet our cracks offer a dynamic method of irrigating with stored rainwater." The standout feature of the garden has to be the Steppe and Prairie planting which comes from East European plains. "These plants are tough enough to tolerate the extremes in temperatures and rainfall which may become more typical in the UK in the future." Clearly for Nicholas, the Chelsea Flower Show is a hugely important event in the gardening calendar. "Being a part of the show is an incredible experience as the gardens take months of planning to develop and put together. My gardens have always tried to challenge people's perceptions of what a garden is and I find it interesting discussing the public's thoughts on the garden during the show."



FRESH  
GARDENS

Out of the Blue is a roof garden, inspired by topography. Designer Alan Gardner says, "I am particularly interested in dynamic, fluid schemes and in interesting changes to levels and shapes within the landscape." The blue polypropylene string wall is the stand-out feature, simple but sophisticated and integral. "The wall makes a bold statement and creates a focal point of colour, as well as creating shadows and protection for the plants and people on this roof garden." Alan is also interested in creating gardens that attract wildlife, particularly in urban areas. There is specialist green roof planting to encourage wildlife to flourish in the city environment. Some of Alan's earliest memories are of the show during the 70s when he attended with his father. "I also proposed to my wife having spent the day here! Since then, I've displayed my gardens at Chelsea and it's always an honour to do so, surrounded by some of the world's top landscape artists and gardeners."



Out of the Blue, in association  
with Lindum  
Designed by Alan Gardner



## The Soft Machine Garden in association with Humko designed by Tomaz Bavdez

The Soft Machine Garden is an ecosystem that processes and recycles waste water from the home. The name was inspired by the William Burroughs novel, *Soft Machine*, being a synonym for the human body. In the garden, the human body is part of the ecosystem, as training on the exercise bike within it helps to pump waste water to the top of the living walls and filtering units. Designer Tomaz Bavdez said that inspiration for the design and concept came from three different sources. "Designers interests such as fine art, history, philosophy, ecology, pop culture and natural habitats combined with their long term design exploration and evolution. A modular green walling system and its ability to filtrate waste water and of course William Burrough's novel."

The garden is predominantly bog-like, with the ground and plants serving as an additional water filter. The standout feature is the raised platforms that seem to float in the air and work in conjunction with the pools underneath, forming rainwater processing units. This design and engineered ecosystem offers opportunities for gardening, exercising, biodiversity enhancement and sustainable recycling of house waste resources. For Tomaz, the Chelsea Flower Show means a great deal. "I visited the show in 2003 for the first time. Soon after that I decided to leave my country of Slovenia, leave my gardening business behind, to move to Britain and study garden design. Nine years down the line I will be part of the show as the designer of The Soft Machine garden ..."

## Green with... in association with Easigrass designed by Tony Smith

'Green with...' is a horticultural installation exploring the human emotions of envy and desire through colour, form and plant history. "I always find it hard to explain where the designs originate," says Tony. "This one, I think, has something to do with grass being green and the cages that wild animals used to be kept in, in the old Tarzan films I watched as a child." The focus of the garden is a cage structure representing the prison that the deeply envious individual who desires what another owns will inevitably find themselves trapped within. The cage consists of 72 green perspex rods, 28 poles and

a roof and base covered with artificial grass. Within the cage are trapped white silk orchids, surrounded by densely planted white tulips and interspersed with ferns. Tony says, "I hope that the strength of the design is that all the parts work together to create a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts." For Tony, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is a great opportunity. "It's an incredible experience to be involved in something that's so much a part of our national culture. It's a wonderful combination of anticipation, team work, stress and excitement. When the show opens and all the work is over it is such a great feeling."





# The heart of Chelsea

A special note must be given to the Royal Hospital that plays host to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show each year. The home of the much loved and well-renowned Chelsea Pensioners is a stunning backdrop to one of the most famous events in the London calendar. The Royal Hospital has been captured beautifully most recently by Patricia Rodwell, in her new book, *A Year in Pictures, the Royal Hospital Chelsea*. Weaving its way through the seasons of last year, the book contains images of all the significant annual events that take place within the grounds, as well as providing an insight into the daily lives of the inhabitants.

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Main image, In-Pensioners on Founder's Day watching the parade; above, J.P Paddy Fox in his greenhouse. Images by Patricia Rodwell



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Far left: One of Jane Wadham's beautiful displays in Harry's Bar  
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Jane Wadham



**J**cannot imagine it's very often that one gets invited to Harry's Bar in Mayfair at 11am on a Tuesday morning. In fact, it's not too often that people get invited to Harry's Bar at all, being the super exclusive private members club that it is. But I was invited, although not by a member but by someone who clearly creates such an enviable ambience that it's no wonder her current CV is utterly astonishing.

Jane Wadham is a florist. But not just any florist I have to say. Her stunning creations are visible in the most high-end and glamorous of places, from our current location, Harry's Bar to Annabel's just down the road to The Ivy, Le Caprice, Daphne's, Scotts...the list goes on.

"I was up at 1am this morning," Jane says, surprisingly cheerily, "but that is the nature of the job. I don't think people have any idea the kind of hours a florist works!" Jane's husband Paul goes to the market to purchase flowers each morning at ungodly hours also and with their remaining team of 8 further members, they create designs and motifs for a variety of venues, providing a symmetry with the establishment and a harmonious atmosphere.

"Here at Harry's Bar we have four very large displays and then another 12-15 smaller vases dotted around. They are changed completely once a week and are then checked twice that week to ensure they look their best." From enormous hydrangeas to dozens of lilies, the displays at this location are elegant and simply ooze class and wealth and everything else you might associate with a very famous venue in the heart of Mayfair.

This month sees Jane as the official florist for the RHS that host the global Chelsea Flower Show. There are some 21 events that Jane is working on during the course of the show, including the gala evening. "I shall be working a 48-hour stretch, with maybe 2-3 hours sleep... and people think being a florist is a lovely job for a girl!" Jane laughs.

Jane does private and corporate events and her work can also be seen at more public venues such as the Natural History Museum, Kensington Palace and the National Gallery. She also aims to run her business in the most sustainable way she can.

"All the green waste we produce, on average a lorry load each week, is mulched and goes back to the local area." Alongside this, any plants that are left over from events, Jane is able to donate them to inner city charities and her support for Trees for Cities has been ongoing for some time.

Jane has recently rebranded the business that she has had for some 23 years. The website is a fantastic source, as everything you see online can be recreated exactly. And despite her showing me a thumb nail that had slightly chipped nail polish and a v-shaped scissor cut which I guess are a florist's 'war wounds,' Jane does not look like she is ready to tire just yet. "I will leave here, go home at around 2.30pm and prepare for the next day and my 1am start."

They always say that the most exciting things happen after dark, and it would appear that Jane and her business is indicative of this rule.

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## This month...

Judith Wilson looks at some of the best floral trends of the moment including Graham & Brown's Bluebell G & G wallpaper (pictured, [grahambrown.com](http://grahambrown.com)) and The Resident compiles a collection of must-haves for the garden



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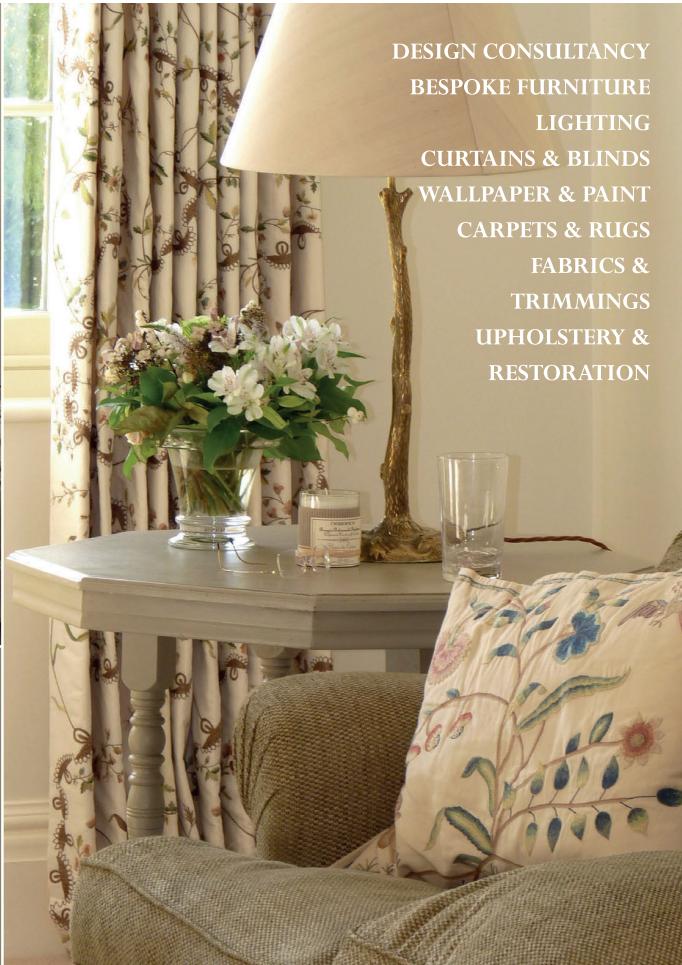
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# The perks of being a wallflower

In celebration of the Chelsea Flower Show,  
Judith Wilson investigates the best floral trends

**W**ith May bursting into bloom, Chelsea Flower Show just around the corner, and fashion houses churning out floral-embazoned designs, it's no surprise that the interiors industry has followed suit. Garden motifs, from full-blown flowers to abstract foliage, are a staple of the classic British decorative look. But now there is new twist, using stronger shades.



This image: HARLEQUIN'S Folia fabric and wallpaper collection  
[harlequin.uk.com](http://harlequin.uk.com)

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Liz Cann, Design Director at Sanderson, says of the bright colours in Sanderson's Colour for Living range: "Experimenting is made easy with this palette which features bright, strong flowers and foliage, reminiscent of 20th-century Scandinavian textiles."

Fabric companies have always had success with floral prints, but this season the look is crisp and modern. If you're after leaf designs, then Sanderson's Block Leaf has a striking abstract foliage pattern. Harlequin has just launched Folia, also based on vibrant botanical motifs:

the Joelle fabric has scaled up apples and pears, and Zosa is sprinkled with flowers and leaves (\$37 per metre). And Louise Body's new Larissa Bluebird fabric for Laura Ashley (\$18.90 m) has painterly blooms. For Louise, leaves and flowers offer a rich combination of colour and texture. "I use a mixture of photographs and drawings to create a modern feel," she says.

Wallpapers are following suit with full-blown designs. Graham & Brown has launched its Summer Bloom range (\$25 per roll), which features radiant spring flowers in electric blue and burnt orange, and the breezy Bluebell, perfect for teaming with acid hues like pink or grass green. If you prefer classic floral wallpaper, but want to give it an edgier vibe, copy Cath Kidston's styling. In a recent publicity shot, their vintage-inspired Birds and Roses wallpaper (\$25 roll) has been teamed with a funky hot pink rug. If you're worried about floral wallpaper looking overpowering, restrict use to a single wall panel, or paper inside a glass-fronted cabinet.

Florals must be handled with care to avoid a fussy, country cottage look, so pay attention to furnishings. Floral curtains mixed with a white linen sofa will look too classic. Instead, try floral curtains as a backdrop for a modern, lime green velvet sofa or add over-sized floral cushions to a plain room. Look out for furniture with an upbeat floral theme to add a pop of colour. New in at Graham & Green is a hot pink floral mother of pearl inlaid chest of drawers with flower shaped handles (\$995). Or the Moooi Crochet table (\$1491) from Occa-Home is handmade cotton crochet, drained in epoxy resin. It has delicate flower motifs but gives a funky, angular silhouette.



Florals look very striking when scaled up, or mixed with a new twist to the classic motif. At Bluebell Gray, the Scottish design textile company, Fi Douglas sells her own-design floral cushions and accessories. The fabric panels (\$280) have large-scale flowers extending 1.7 metres from the base, and create a fresh blast in a pared down room. "I create painterly water-colour florals, which add a relaxed vibe and the brighter colours bring them into the 21st-century," she says. And Kit Kemp, Design Director of Firmdale

Left: Graham & Green chest of drawers, £995 grahamandgreen.co.uk

Hotels, a decorator with her finger firmly on the pulse, has designed a new collection of fabrics for Chelsea Textiles, featuring florals and hand-embroidered folkloric motifs with a whimsical twist.

As for why the English can never get enough of florals, however modern or abstract they become, Louise Body has the last word. "The garden is such an important part of English life. We are constantly trying to find ways of bringing the garden into our homes." }

Right clockwise: L & B Olive Branch Serving Set, L & B Gold Pomegranate Salt and Pepper set, OCCA Home Pulpo Makrame Flower Coffee Table, £268



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# Interiors news

by Judith Wilson



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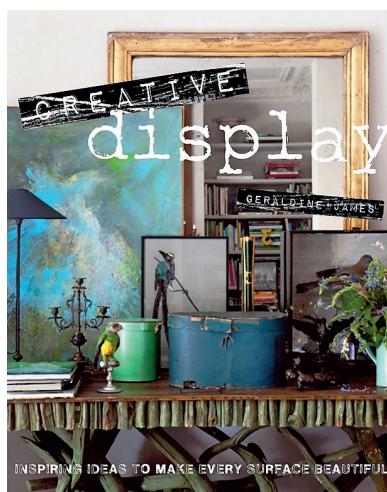
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go overboard with bold pattern with Paisley Crescent wallpaper, giving a modern twist to a traditional Eastern motif, £45 per roll, [Mini Modern, minimoderns.com](http://minimoderns.com). New in at Holly's House is the Primrose table lamp by Zoe Darlington (pictured above - £395). The shade is vintage fabric, the base, solid walnut. It's just the thing for a dash of spring pattern, [hollys-house.com](http://hollys-house.com).



## It's a snip

Marks & Spencer's highly successful collaboration with Sir Terence Conran continues apace with their new Alfresco collection, just launched. Go contemporary with the Conran Bourne table and 2 chairs set (£199 - pictured above) in powder-coated pressed steel, or to give a fresh twist in the conservatory, the Conran Faulks Sofa comes in solid teak, featuring pewter tape threaded through the high back (£999). There is a matching armchair (£699) and footstool (£399), plus a dining table and set of six chairs (£999). This is superb British design at very enticing prices. [marksandspencer.com](http://marksandspencer.com).

## Book review

We're all being encouraged to display treasured possessions to inject personality into our homes, so Creative Display (*Cico Books*, £19.95 - pictured left) by Geraldine James is perfectly timed. The book shows many ways to show off a varied selection of decorative collections. Images show a range of homes, from LA to the South of France, London and Paris, and dip into the private spaces of creative owners, with ingenious ways to display everything from seashells to mismatched plates. Your walls and coffee table will never look the same again.

## Drinks on the terrace?

The terrace or patio is the most important part of your garden. Take time to make sure your patio is the right size for your entertaining needs. If it's just the two of you most of the time, have a smallish table where you can add chairs for extra visitors. You don't want to sit at a great big table all on your own like royalty. If you have a large family, buy a good sized table near the house and then site a smaller table, for just the two of you, somewhere else in the garden. Think carefully about the space you need to get up from your table and stand behind your chair. Leave plenty of room to move around on a hard landscaped surface. You don't want to step off the paved area onto the lawn or fall into a flower bed at any time, with or without a second glass of wine. The materials for your terrace should match or compliment your house and the current trend, for a seamless terrace at the same level as the kitchen floor, needs careful consideration in case your damp proof course is breached. Ask for a Design appointment for great ideas for your own garden.



## Plant of the month

This month we are going to advocate the use of the 'spillers'. These are the plants that the mowers in the household don't particularly like because they fall wantonly out of the borders and onto the precious lawn. The spillers soften the edges of the garden; they spread onto paths, creating the hazy billowiness we associate with summer planting. Use Nepeta 'Walkers Low' with pale pink roses, or Alchemilla Mollis with Poppies. Geranium 'Johnson's Blue' looks stunning with Anthemis tinctoria 'E.C.Buxton'. Other good edging plants are Artemisia 'Powys Castle' and Helianthemum 'Wisley Primrose'. After intensive training anyone with a mower can lift them up and mow underneath without too much harm, just takes training. Ask our planting experts for advice and availability.

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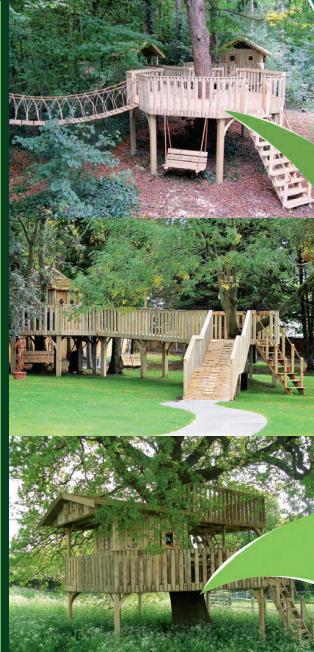
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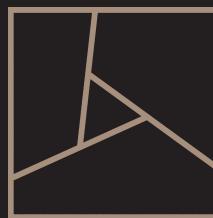
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# Green shoots of recovery

A new season is upon us, which means it's time to feast upon asparagus – just make sure you don't miss it



**F**orget the sound of that first cuckoo. Or the boxing hares, pretty primroses and gambolling lambs.

No, for me the first real sign of spring is the sight of English asparagus, piled (and priced) high in our markets, food halls and greengrocers. With their pert, thrusting stalks and heads, and tightly bunched tips, they're the very essence of the new season.

The season is short – the end of April to mid June – but it does seem to be getting longer every year. I saw a bunch of English asparagus at the start of March. But they felt somehow incongruous at the fag end of winter, coaxed into life beneath the grim plastic sheet of the average poly-tunnel. It's not that I expect to eat them under brilliant blue skies, just when nature intends, rather than at the whim of impatient English palates. Of course, one could graze on imported asparagus all year round. Though quite why you'd want to, I don't know. Because when it comes to eating asparagus, freshness is paramount. Their charms start to fade the moment they're cut, as all those delectable sugars quickly transform into dreary old starch. It isn't some misplaced patriotism that makes us adore our native crop. It's a simple matter of good taste.

If you feel the urge to pick your own, and don't have a des res in the heart of the Wye Valley or Vale of Evesham, worry not. Garsons ([Garsons.co.uk](http://Garsons.co.uk)), in Esher, Surrey, has great expanses of land set aside to pick your own. For those of you living in south-west London, it's mere minutes away. Not only do you get to gather them fresh, but they're incredibly good value too. Otherwise, I always go to Alan on Portobello Road. His stall is opposite the Duke of Wellington pub and is my favourite on the whole street. You'll pay a lot more at the likes of Selfridges and Harvey Nichols, although quality is always decent. And when the great

Tony Booth left Borough, it just seemed another nail in the coffin of a once fine market. But he's back at 60 Druid Street, SE1, at Tayshaw Ltd, selling his first-class fruit and veg, including asparagus, to the public on Saturdays. Well worth the trip.

As to cooking, I like to keep it very simple. Steam or boil in salted water until the stalks are soft but not soggy, about five-seven minutes depending on size. Then drain on kitchen paper and anoint with melted butter, or great blobs of Hollandaise sauce. They also cook well on griddle pans, caressed with olive oil and seasoned well with salt. There's no place for the bourgeois strictures of knife and fork here. It's fingers all the way, especially when dipped into a soft-boiled egg as a verdant take on the soldier.

But if even this seems too much hassle, the London lover of asparagus is spoilt for choice. Eat them sprinkled with Parmesan and wrapped in the most delicate of brik pastries, as is chef Jeremy Lee's way, at Quo Vadis ([quovadissoho.co.uk](http://quovadissoho.co.uk)) in Soho. All the branches of St John ([stjohnrestaurant.com](http://stjohnrestaurant.com)) in the centre and east are masters of this stalk (it's not actually a vegetable, rather a member of the lily family). Café Anglais ([lecafeanglais.co.uk](http://lecafeanglais.co.uk)) in Whiteleys serve them up in the traditional fashion, and often slip a few into an omelette too. Just around the corner you can buy them, steamed by the half dozen, at Hereford Road ([herefordroad.org](http://herefordroad.org)). Those in search of more classic British formality will find well-heeled joy at The Goring ([thegoring.com](http://thegoring.com)) behind Buckingham Place and Wiltons in St James ([wiltons.co.uk](http://wiltons.co.uk)). But all treat these regal stems with the respect they deserve. So feast away, and feast freely. The season may be brief. But it's that endless anticipation that makes English asparagus taste that much the sweeter. }



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# Resident *Chef*

The Ritz restaurant chef John Williams gets sentimental over his love for lamb



**I**t is safe to say that as a Chef, one soon begins to trace the passage of time by the veritable smorgasbord of ingredients that each season commands. From the heady scent of truffles marking the dawn of winter to the fiery red flesh of fresh strawberries announcing the arrival of summer, each of nature's most sought after ingredients reach their flavoursome height in line with the ebbs and flows of Mother Nature's seasons. At no time is this truer than in spring, when tender shoots and new sprouts rupture the warming soil and reach toward the sun to ensure that by May, the farmers markets are brimming with the most covetable of the year's leeks, asparagus, radishes and more.

Despite the abundance of taste treats that spring bequeaths to the table each year, for me there is no contest when it comes to the height of this culinary season. The winner in my book will eternally be locally-reared British lamb – commonly known as “the envy of all French chefs”. As much as I love to see young lambs frolicking in our verdant fields at the start of spring, I must admit to deriving more pleasure from imagining them on my plate, dolloped with a generous helping of mint sauce!

Lamb's delicate subtle flavour and its succulent tender meat mean that it marries well with many flavours from many regions, though in my humble opinion it is as its best when simply studded with cloves of garlic, drizzled with extra virgin olive oil, sprinkled with herbs and roasted at a high heat to seal in the juices and preserve its rosy complexion. That said, there is an endless myriad of ways to cook lamb depending on the cut, so I would entreat readers to take the time to forego the temptation of the pre-packaged versions of fluorescent-lit supermarket fame and head to your local butcher for the best cuts and some priceless advice.

Such is my love of lamb that my signature dish on The Ritz Restaurant menu is Saddle of Kentish Lamb Belle Époque, which features under our ‘Ritz



Above: John Williams MBE in action at the Ritz Restaurant and left, the dish of the month, lamb

Classics’ when in season. In this dish, pencil fillets are taken from a short saddle of new season lamb and layered with blanched chard leaves and a foie gras mousseline. The dish is then roasted, sliced and served on a bed of pomme purée, drizzled with jus and accompanied with seasonal vegetables.

This dish will feature on our menu during our two unique dining events in The Ritz Restaurant to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee next month. Whilst the Hotel is en fête with patriot decorations, my love affair with lamb will take centre stage as my team and I carve and serve this truly mouth-watering dish.

As ever, my philosophy for culinary ecstasy remains unchanged and can be described as thus: use ingredients of the highest quality, use them at their seasonal best and marry the best of British produce. So, as spring has now sprung I look to William Blake who so aptly once wrote when he put quill to parchment, “Pipe a song about a Lamb!” and to that I say, “Hear, Hear!” }

*John Williams MBE is Executive Chef at The Ritz Restaurant at The Ritz, 150 Piccadilly, W1J 9BR*



# Restaurant reviews

## Galvin Demoiselle

**Ground Floor, the Fruit, Vegetable & Pantry Food Hall, Harrods, 87-135 Brompton Road, SW1X 7XL (no reservations)**

**Food:** \*\*\*\*

**Atmosphere:** \*\*\*\*

Big things are happening in the Harrods Food Halls. It's out with the old, in with the new as famous chefs and restaurateurs queue up to take over the in-store restaurants. When we went to press, Richard Corrigan was about to launch a Bentley's outpost on the site of the old Sea Grill in the Meat & Fish hall, while Ian Pengelley's SE Asian Pan Chai has already replaced the old Sushi Bar. There's also a branch of Belgravia's Thai favourite Mango Tree.

Galvin Demoiselle, which takes over the Espresso Café site on the mezzanine above the Fruit & Vegetable hall, is the fifth London opening from Chris and Jeff Galvin. It's also the first to be managed by Chris's wife Sara, who brings a feminine touch to the

classic French bistro format, with pretty table settings and chic turquoise banquette seating complementing the Food Hall's elaborately decorated ceilings. A simple but instantly appealing menu caters for anything from breakfast to afternoon tea and lists a solid charcuterie selection – great for snacking – alongside salads, mains and a soup or potage of the day (the wild mushroom velouté, served on Fridays, is incredible).

We loved the baked lobster fishcake, served with a warm vinaigrette of fresh ginger and chives, which proved a perfect match to a chilled glass of white Burgundy, while slow-cooked lamb in a Moroccan-style stew with apricots, almonds and couscous washed down beautifully with a red from Languedoc. To finish, we tucked into a daringly sharp lemon tart – the perfect close to a rich meal.

If Corrigan's new place is even half as good as this one, we shall be spending a lot of time in Harrods over the coming months.

by Annica Wainwright



## Burger & Lobster

**29 Clarges Street, W1J 7EF**  
**020 7409 1699**

**Food:** \*\*\*\*

**Atmosphere:** \*\*\*

Simple luxury is the mission statement at this high-end surf and turf. The clue is in the name, Burger and Lobster, which handily is also the menu, chalked up on a blackboard so as not to trouble anyone with excess paperwork at the table. Prices follow the same no-nonsense formula – everything is £20 (unless you want to upgrade to one of the lobster ‘Big Boys’) – as does the stripped back red leather and dark wood interior and workaday condiments (Heinz, Hellmann’s et al). You’re even given a bib to protect your Armani suit. In fact, the only thing that isn’t simple about B&L is getting through the door in the first place, thanks to the strict no-reservations policy.

As you’re nursing a G&T in a nearby pub – charming staff will take your mobile number and let you know when a table becomes free – remind yourself that the food is worth the wait. Chargrilled lobster flesh pops readily from the shell for a dunking in plain or lemon-garlic clarified butter, while the rippling beefcake of a burger, butch enough without the cheese and bacon topping, is a nod to the restaurant’s pedigree – it’s run by steakhouse supremos Goodman. The third option, the lobster roll, is a happy wasabi-mayo-slicked hybrid of the two. A can of matchstick fries and a little side salad accompany everything.

Naturally, the quickest way to lay your hands on all these delights is to turn up at 4pm or 10pm (last orders are at 10.30), grab one of the very fine cocktails and ponder the ‘burger or lobster’ question in peace. But that’s kind of missing the point. You have to work for food as decadent as this.

by Anna Longmore

## La Bodega Negra

**9 Old Compton Street, W1D 5JF**

**020 7758 4100**

**Food:** \*\*\*

**Atmosphere:** \*\*\*\*\*

Mexican continues its merry march on W1 with the arrival of this taqueria and all-day café on Moor Street. Tacos, tostadas and ceviche delivered in colourful retro surrounds shows what’s to be expected from the nocturnal cousin below. Because it’s down in the basement where La Bodega Negra, conceived by Serge Becker (The Box, La Esquina in New York) and Will Ricker (E&O, Eight Over Eight et al), really shows its colours.

This is currently Soho’s hot-ticket restaurant as it’s great fun. First there’s the neon sex shop entrance, then the descent to the cavern-like interior, a warren of spaces with different themes around a central bar. The retro soundtrack, 60-strong tequila list and late licence (food orders are taken up ‘til midnight) add to the general air of agave-fuelled abandon.

La Bodega Negra is a solid, well-run operation. Service never loses its smile and attention to detail in the cooking makes little concession to the party atmosphere. There’s no scrimping on ingredients either. Guacamole is bursting with avocado, tacos packed with seared steak, pineapple and garlicky prawns. The tostada heaped with tuna and avocado, licked with chipotle and jalapeno is a highlight and the still-life compilation of vegetable ‘crudites,’ served with chilli dipping salt, really sticks in the mind.

Larger mains such as slow-roasted lamb or spit-roast chicken allow for a more expansive three-courses but weigh heavily – on both stomach and wallet – in comparison to the flirtier smaller plates. This might feel like the hippest joint in town, but the fiesta is for everyone.

by Anna Longmore

## Tinello

**87 Pimlico Road, SW1W 8PH**

**020 7730 3663**

**Food:** \*\*\*\*

**Atmosphere:** \*\*\*\*

Number 101 Pimlico Road has become something of a restaurant graveyard – two closures in as many years – but if anyone can turn it around, it’s a duo like Locatelli alumni Federico and Max Sali. Judging by Tinello’s convivial hum on a cold Tuesday evening, their experience is paying off. A broad cross-section of local diners, from glossy-maned twenty-somethings to pearl-laden regulars, occupy tables in the expensively attired ground-floor room.

However, it’s the single-sheet menu – the same for lunch and dinner – which holds the key to Tinello’s popularity. For the traditionalists, colourful antipasti compilations like green beans, roast red onion, sun-dried tomato and Parmesan salad sing with flavour, to be followed by some proper mains: pan-fried veal cutlet and braised fennel with a lemon salad.

Robust pasta dishes such as home-made nettle pappardelle with duck ragout can be washed down with some very drinkable European wines by the glass. But best of all – and by far the most fun – are the cichetti (Italy’s answer to tapas). Crostini piled with chicken liver ‘fuagra’ and a bowl of deep-fried artichokes in lacy batter show that the ‘small eats’ are by no means an afterthought.

Heaped plates, honest flavours and keen pricing – you can even bring a bottle of your own wine for £15 corkage – are just some of the signs that underneath this polite veneer and well-drilled service there’s an open-armed Italian just bursting out. I’d like to see more of him. For now, however, Pimlico locals seem very happy with his more restrained alter ego.

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# Table Elk

by Annica Wainwright



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# Fashion forward

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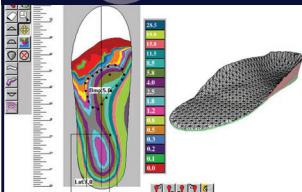


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# Fashion laid bare

This month, Mr Extravagant embraces the art of dressing down

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**F**ew people would accuse me of being a minimalist. My general lifestyle, taste, habits and style is majorly maximal, often ad extremis. If there is a large crystal necklace to be worn, I'll wear it to the supermarket. When it comes to the rule of taking something away from your outfit, however, I have started to take note.

At the Harvey Nichols spring fashion show my publicist, Julia, turned round and said how good I looked when simplified – a black skinny pea coat, dress shirt and white jeans. According to her, it made me "hot stuff." Knitted metallic epaulets, in her opinion, "not so hot stuff." Do I ditch my excessive love of costume jewellery? A re-working of my entire wardrobe could mean style meltdown.

Fashion itself is having an identity crisis of sorts though, so I am not alone. The choice of sartorial extremes range from an attack of pattern, tricky to pull off (clashing print has to be immaculately put together), or super modern and simple. I call the latter the Tate Modern Appropriate approach.

Pare yourself down to look like your wardrobe was audited by Apple, and you somehow start dressing as if you lived amongst the higher echelons of the art world.

A natural progression from Mad Men style, simple lines mean clothes are bold by design rather than decoration. Next time you swing past the Concord Lounge at Heathrow, notice how wealth translates to understated clothing.

Samantha Cameron has learnt these rules well, and the best kind of First Lady dressing means never making a fuss. Jackie O, Grace Kelly, Diana – when at their most stylish, they all never wore anything over complicated.

Both images:  
Samantha  
Cameron



Sam Cam and the Duchess of Cambridge are obsessed with belting everything, but it does work if you have a long figure

For the Europhile, head to Celine and if you are on a budget try Cos, with stores across London from High St Ken to Selfridges, renowned for its restraint. Kate Middleton has shown you can do this at Hobbs, Coast and her beloved Zara, and try French Connection for something simple but more evening. Spend your money on accessories – good shoes, good bags and good belts will get you far. Sam Cam and the Duchess of Cambridge are obsessed with belting everything, but it does work if you have a long figure, giving you a waist if you are in need of one.

Should you want to make a bigger statement, hone in on the one part and let it sing. A statement heel for those who are in love with shoes – Miu Miu for an opening in Notting Hill, Nicholas Kirkwood for Mayfair and Irregular Choice for Dalston.

For chaps, say it with glasses. Likewise an amazing pair of Clarks military desert boots, made from the same Hainsworth red cloth that was used for Prince William's wedding uniform, need little dressing up – just your best royal foot forward.

The Rodial Beauty Awards at the Sanderson was the same week I launched Hed Kandi eyelashes and though I was tempted to wear a simple number and just those, my inner tranny was quashed. But maybe when no one is watching I can sneak to Superdrug and play dress up with my eyes. Well, if my minimalism audit has robbed me of jewels, something has to give. }



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The symptoms of shingles are usually mild but can be very unpleasant for some. Shingles usually starts with a headache, fever, and tiredness, and you are likely to feel unwell. It's very common to feel a burning pain somewhere on the body, which may become extreme. Within a few days to three weeks this area of pain will start to develop a red rash, which will turn into fluid-filled blisters. When these painful blisters burst they will then turn into sores that will eventually crust over and heal. Most people recover but some people continue to feel extreme pain in the area of the rash that can remain for many months, or in extreme cases even years. This is known as post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN). PHN can prevent

sufferers from living a normal life, and for some even a slight breeze against the skin can be painful and distressing.

Shingles varies from person to person and some people will require treatment. See your GP as soon as possible, ideally within 72 hours of the rash occurring. Most people do not have any long-term effects, but for some shingles can cause complications. If shingles develops in the eye it can lead to decreased vision or even permanent blindness in the affected eye.

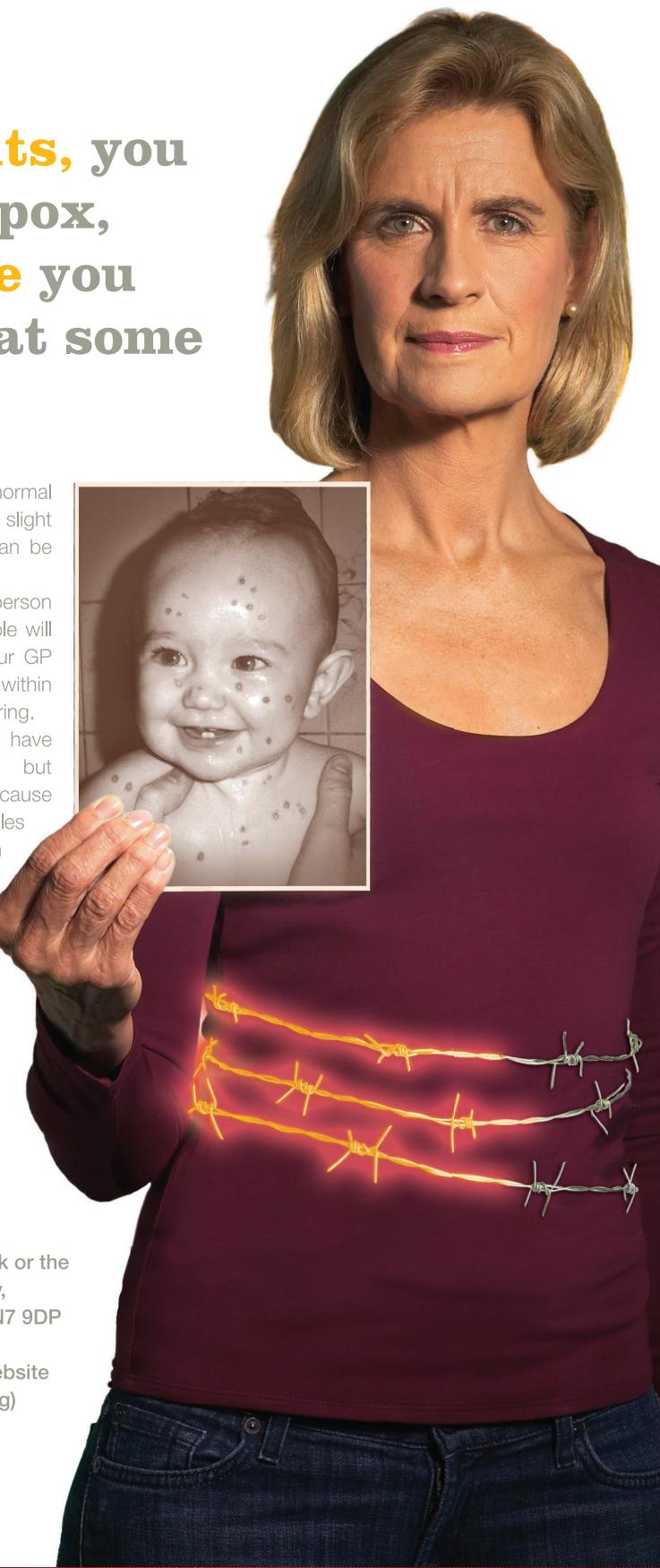
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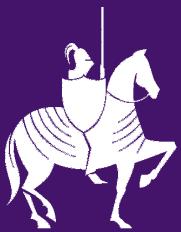
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# Cleanse & polish

Catherine McCabe enjoys a good old fashioned scrub at Elemis Day-Spa, Mayfair

**T**here are two types of spa lovers in this world. Those in search of 'pampering' and those in need of damage control. I fall into the second camp. For me, a spa day is all about getting down to business; no need for burning incense or wind chimes. Thankfully, Elemis Mayfair was happy to oblige. The second I arrived, it was coat off, make-up cleansed and my face popped straight in front of 'the machine' for a complexion analysis report. Remember the memory neutraliser from Men In Black? Well 'the machine' is similar – except after the flash of light from the nebulizer, you discover you have enlarged pores and permanent sun damage on your T-Zone.

My therapist didn't mince her words, telling me matter-of-factly about my sizable pores and desperately dehydrated skin. But I needed to hear it – it's all too easy to blame your hormones, but the truth is, I have poor skin because I give it no love. After a night on the tiles, there's not a skincare ad in the world that could motivate me to cleanse, tone and moisturise. But seeing those images of my face – one revealing bacteria, another, my burgeoning wrinkles – was a sobering experience. Which was fitting, seeing as alcohol is the most damaging indulgence to the skin.

The treatment rooms of Elemis are infinitely relaxing. Even the most high-end spas can sometimes falter at the décor. At Elemis, however, tasteful tribal prints and a hint of essential oils hang in the air. A welcome change from garish gold draping and the choke of burning incense. The sight of little finger symbols on the plinth was worrying – but rest assured, you won't find any esoteric agenda here.

I plumped for the face and body polish – a gamble.

Done well, and it's a blissful exfoliation-come-deep tissue massage. Done badly, and it's a rub down with a lavender-scented Brillo. Thankfully, my therapist Amanda was a practiced hand – gentle, whilst still managing to weed out my medley of muscle knots. Although the initial 'body scraping' will make you wince, the deep exfoliation of a body polish is ideal for anyone who is sensitive to touch – pushing past the embarrassing giggles that can accompany a light massage.

Many spa treatments can feel superfluous – a mere excuse to lie down. But with the body scrub, it feels like you're breaking out of a chrysalis – mainly because you're cocooned in a nourishing oil wrap for most of it. The combination of the tri-enzyme facial made it feel like a full body overhaul. The enzymes had that reassuring tingle that brought my skin to life – even when deep in relaxation; I could feel the goodness at work. In the past, the advice of the therapist post-facial has fallen on deaf ears – but Amanda was extremely pragmatic, recommending the best products as opposed to a full lifestyle change. Four weeks on, I am still using the Papaya and Enzyme peel she scribbled on my 'to buy' list, and as if by magic, my pores are visibly smaller.

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With the clock ticking on the summer holiday countdown, the brains behind EF MEDISPA provide your head-to-toe butler beauty service

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When it comes to the dreaded orange peel, the unbeatable trio of treatments includes Acoustic Wave Therapy to disperse fat deposits, Mesotherapy to trigger collagen growth and SPA RF radio-frequency to tighten and tone skin overall. Then let the 196 micro-needles on the Pure Roller rev up your skin's ability to replenish lost volume, counteract the causes of pigmentation and smooth wrinkles – just like a battery-powered boost for a better summer body.

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The Intensive employs exercise and diet methods that radically shift fat and totally re-sculpt the body, without compromising metabolism. "It's so important to teach our clients how to boost their metabolism so that once they have lost the weight they can easily keep it off," she notes. "So many diets will get the weight off but your metabolism will come to a grinding halt or they are just not sustainable." The programme's emphasis on resistance work and an intelligent eating plan ensure the results that clients achieve are long lasting and, most of all, easy to maintain. "No aspect of what we do is extreme," she explains. "Every element of the plan is sensible, researched and proven to work," she says.

"My team are world class and without doubt some of the best in the country. Most come from a Sports Science background and we have two Olympic athletes amongst us. We all share a friendly, no-nonsense approach and between us we offer an unrivalled service to our clients. I'm proud to have such a talented team behind me." Louise Parker believes anyone can have a fantastic body – regardless of age, body type and starting point: "By following my method, you really will be blown away by how you can change your body shape."

Her programme is suitable for anyone wanting exceptional results, in record time. The Intensive is hugely popular with clients needing to be what she calls 'red-carpet ready' – whether that's for a wedding, new job-role or even the school run. "I love helping post-natal mums," she explains. "Since I had my

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daughters in quick succession, I fully understand the challenges new mothers are faced with, and what has to be done to return you to your former glory."

Louise Parker designs each programme with one of her team before the programme commences, based on the individual's requirements and deadlines. A rigid, yet balanced food plan is devised, ensuring optimal results. Louise personally monitors your diet diary on a daily basis to ensure you are on the right track and that you get all the support and motivation you need to succeed. In six weeks, you will emerge looking better than you thought you ever could. What Louise Parker does isn't gimmicky, it is instead an intelligent combination of three factors – nutrition, training and lifestyle – delivered in just the right combination. "Providing you have made the decision to change and are willing to let us guide you," she asserts, "You simply cannot fail – clients routinely drop two dress sizes." There are many bespoke programmes available, and following a telephone consultation, Louise will advise a suitable programme and schedule to suit any objective, lifestyle and budget. Louise asks that new clients commit to a minimum of three hours per week to ensure that they achieve amazing results. Louise's team provide her programmes across London, Berkshire, Surrey, Kent and Hertfordshire with remote options for international clients. }

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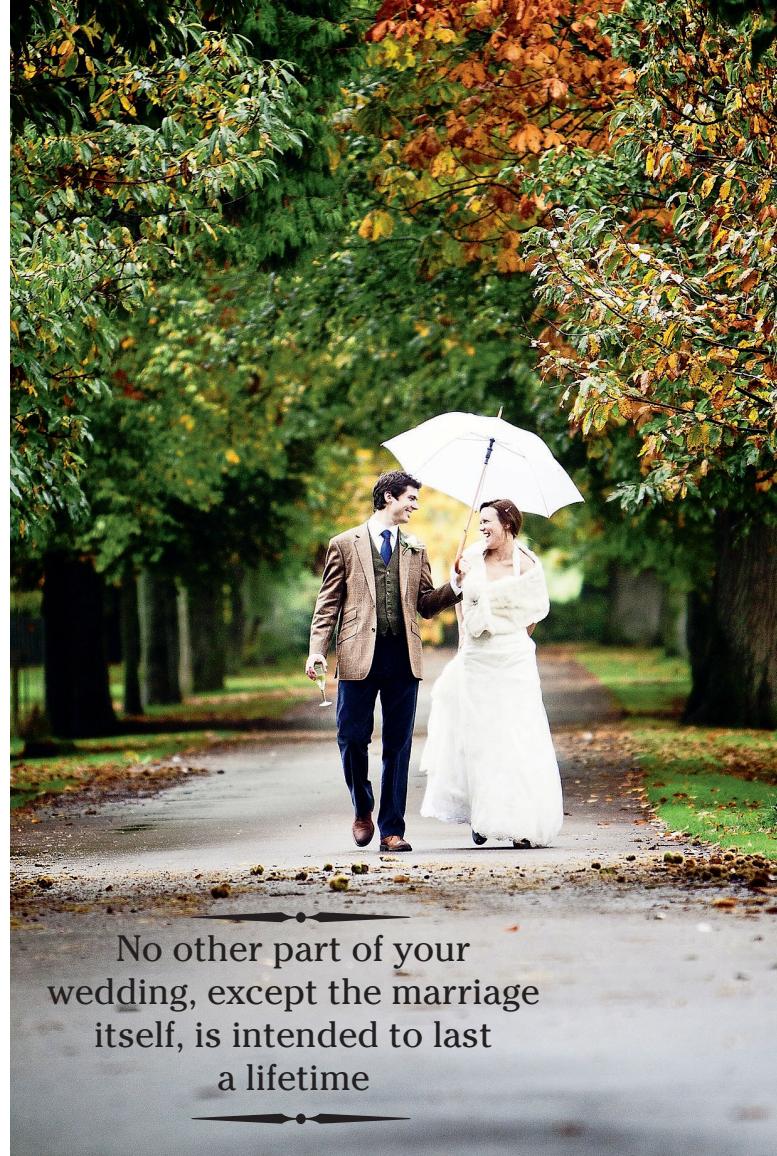
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# Capturing the moment

Julia Dowling of Snapdragon Parties, the leading luxury wedding and event planners, shares her experience on how to select a wedding photographer

**G**etting the wedding photographs you want is important; no other part of your wedding, except the marriage itself, is intended to last a lifetime. When selecting a photographer we encourage our clients to consider the style of pictures they would like, the personality of the photographer and how they would like their pictures presented.

There are four basic styles of wedding photography and the best photographers can generally achieve a seamless mix of them all. The traditional style is ideal for the posed family portraits; contemporary photography tends to be more informal and capture the spirit of the occasion; reportage is the fly-on-the-wall approach that captures the detail and flow of your day; and the artistic approach, as the name suggests, aims to create the poster shots. Even if you aren't particularly traditional you should be cautious about too contemporary a style of pictures as you won't want them to look out of date in a few years. Joe Short of 'Casamento', who has just been selected to join an exclusive global group of 'Fearless Photographers', and Pascal Plessis of 'Reportage by'



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are both particularly good at achieving a blend of all these styles.

The personality of a wedding photographer is important because they have to be unobtrusive, but also engaging enough to encourage guests, who are not used to being photographed, to open up to the camera and behave naturally in front of it. Equally, an overbearing photographer can make guests feel like extras at a photo shoot. You can only judge the ability of a photographer to get this balance right by meeting them and by looking at their portfolio. The pictures will speak for themselves.

How photographs are presented is critical and a few photographers have turned albums into a unique and beautiful art form. Pippa Mackenzie, apart from being an excellent photographer, creates the most stunning albums styled to reflect your personality. She has recently started collaborating with The Wedding Reporter so you have a journalistic account of your wedding integrated with the pictures. You can imagine leafing through such an album, reading an account of your special day, with your grandchildren.

Finally, I often remind a bride just before she leaves for the ceremony to take a moment during the day to step back and take a mental photograph. The wedding day will fly past so quickly that it would be a real shame to rely only on your photographs for the memories. }

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## This month...

Lucy Haenlein visits the beautiful Greek island of Crete and Lady Sybilla Hart takes a weekend break in the Cotswolds at Lords of the Manor (pictured)

# A story unfolds

Forget about the myths of Crete, the real centrepiece of the island can be found at Daisos Cove, writes Lucy Haenlein



Just mention 'Crete' and a host of mythical pictures spring to mind. Theseus bravely defeating the terrible Minotaur perhaps, or the ill-fated attempt of Icarus and Daedalus to fly on hand-crafted wings. Such stories combine to form a vision of a place embedded in an entirely different world. For a first-time visitor, it is practically impossible to picture a modern 'luxury resort' in the midst of such magical lands of childhood imagination. Luckily, Daisos Cove makes no pretensions to classical style, plumping instead for the gleaming white simplicity of the contemporary architecture currently in vogue.

Situated on the beautiful North-Eastern coast of Crete, about an hour's drive from the capital of Heraklion, the 35-hectare resort curves itself around its own private beach. As the land of the cove slopes smoothly into the sea, the buildings emerge as if cut from the rock, doing nothing to disrupt the striking natural harmony of land and water.

Though unequivocally modern, the design does not impose itself. Created by Greek super-architects 3SK Styliadis, the place exudes their signature sculptural focus, finding its cues from the landscape it is embedded in. Its angular, clean lines blend seamlessly

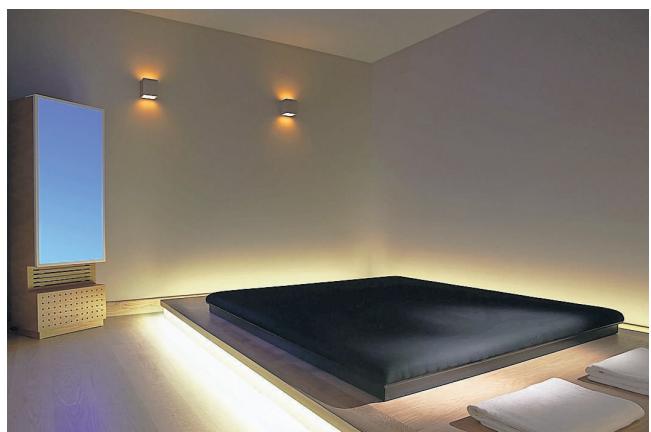
with its natural surroundings. From the inside, this fusion of building and environment is equally potent, as expansive windows and infinity pools transcend conventional boundaries of space.

## Natural comfort

But if reading of clean lines, stone and glass put you in mind of sitting on an uncomfortable bench, think again. Here, comfort is king. The natural calm of the surroundings is combined with an unapologetic obsession with relaxation. Focus is held throughout the 261 rooms on the omnipresent view, with the décor kept crisp and restrained, but no attention has been lost on their functionality. Incredibly clean, marble bathrooms are stuffed with luxurious robes and toiletries, while unbelievably comfortable beds are a staple of every room. And if the unfailing comfort of the 'basics' weren't enough, the spectacular spa treatments will ease you into nirvana.

In keeping with the building as a whole, the treatments under the management of renowned spa specialists Germain de Capuccini draw on the benefits of natural remedies, but they are accompanied by state-

The Suites at Daisos Cove offer unrivalled luxury and views; pictured far right, a relaxation zone at the spa



of-the-art equipment to ‘enhance’ the experience. And, yes, this may sound ludicrous sitting miles away in rainy London, but swathed in a mysterious gold nectar (part of a treatment: the ‘Gold Privilege’), nothing in the world feels more ‘natural’ than a quick dip in the ‘counter-current pool,’ or a casual browse through the iPod mounted on a private iPod deck. Similarly, the fact that the indoor infinity pools are filled with seawater rather than the usual over-chlorinated stuff, really does make a difference to the experience. Completely successfully, the natural and the synthetic combine to create total peace and you feel totally ‘atone’ with the sparkling vibrancy of the outside Cove.

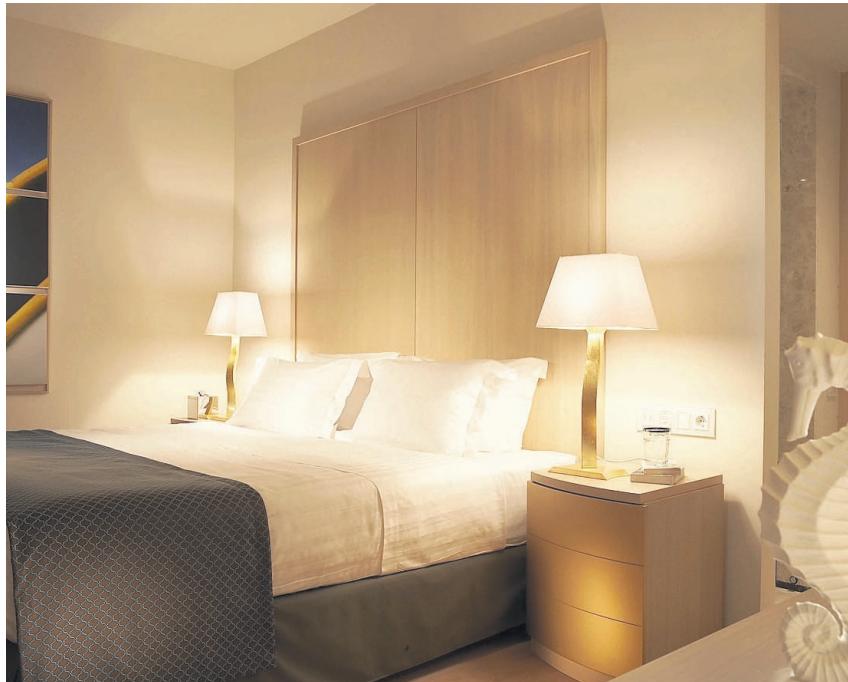
Ordinarily, I am the type of person to sniff at the very idea of a holiday daring to offer anything other than a fully authentic cultural experience. The fact that you would go to Crete for an ‘Exotic Ceylon’ massage, for example, does sound utterly ridiculous. However, the creators of Daois Cove have clearly mastered the art of relaxation, and the addition of Eastern Holistic remedies only adds to the effect. The more the merrier. All is incorporated into creating rituals that really do transport you to

a fundamental calm and peace that could only be doing the landscape a service.

### *A melting pot of cultures*

Crete is a perfect location for this kind of cultural mish-mash. Practically as close to Turkey and Egypt as it is to Greece, its island location has made it an inevitable mix of travellers, traders, and a succession of less welcome conquerors. For the average Westerner, with our habit of claiming significant civilisations as our own ancestors, the fusion of African and Middle-Eastern with more Western European elements is surprisingly prominent. But really – lofty excuses aside – the whole ‘International Luxury’ approach is just incredibly seductive.

The successful fusion of potentially incongruous elements is mirrored in the food, as Italian, traditional Cretan, and international restaurants all jostle for the attentions of guests. A specialist in Italian cuisine, and a well-known name amongst the Greek and Italian fine-dining circuit, newly appointed head chef Federico Della Vecchia supervises all three restaurants on location. By way of fresh, »



local produce, the main focus is on the Mediterranean dishes Della Vecchia is renowned for (such as his famous Eggplant Cannelloni and Tagliolini Pasta 'Alla Norma'), with the international buffet providing a more eccentric alternative. The breakfast is particularly delicious.

To supplement, the poolside 'Ocean Bar' and the aptly named 'Beach Bar' ensure that a single dry moment need never be tolerated. Even taking advantage of the hotel's glistening outdoor infinity pool or spectacularly white-sanded private beach, drinks and nibbles are always to hand. And as the sun sinks reluctantly into the sea, if the sun, sand, food and overall excessive pampering hasn't left you pleasantly lethargic, there is even an onsite club to head to. The Crystal Box is a somewhat surreal experience - enormous windows looking onto the incredible view from a background to backlit bars and contemporary club décor – but certainly worth a try if you want to stretch out the evening.

As far as I'm concerned, you could pretty much just leave it there. A few forays into the local town of Agios Nikolaos scattered amongst the multitudinous versions of 'lolling around' on offer would do me just fine. But for the more energetic of you – and apparently there are some mighty energetic characters amidst the Daois Cove clientele – the amount of 'activities' on offer are boundless. From scuba diving to cooking lessons and tennis via a host of water sports, if you're the restless type there really is plenty to do.

All this entertainment goes for the kids, too. Despite its opulence, Daois Cove makes a refreshing stand against the snooty adults-only destinations, actively

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themselves accessible as a family holiday. The on-site family villas provide a more spacious, private alternative to the numerous suites. And they come in various sizes from a modest one bedroom affair to the bumper-sized 'Mansion'. Another feather in the cap of Daois Cove's 'relaxation designers' (I'm betting they have something along those lines) is that children of all ages can be constantly entertained by a team of professional babysitters. Whether in the specific Kids' Entertainment Room or participating in the constant run of organised activities, overactive children will always have something to do - leaving parents hassle-free to kick back with a tropical cocktail.

Daois Cove Luxury Resort and Villas fulfils the demand of a resort holiday perfectly. Utterly self-sufficient and nestled in its own wonderfully secluded Cove, it provides the opportunity for a no-holds-barred pampering session away from the crowds. And if it's an escape you're after, this really is one. Drawing its life from the unique and spectacular location, and only ten short minutes away from an ancient Cretan town, it also manages to put more inquisitive travellers at their ease. Though, frankly, I defy anybody not to be seduced by the tempting lull of luxury. }

Pictured top:  
sleeping quarters  
of the Daois  
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Above, left to  
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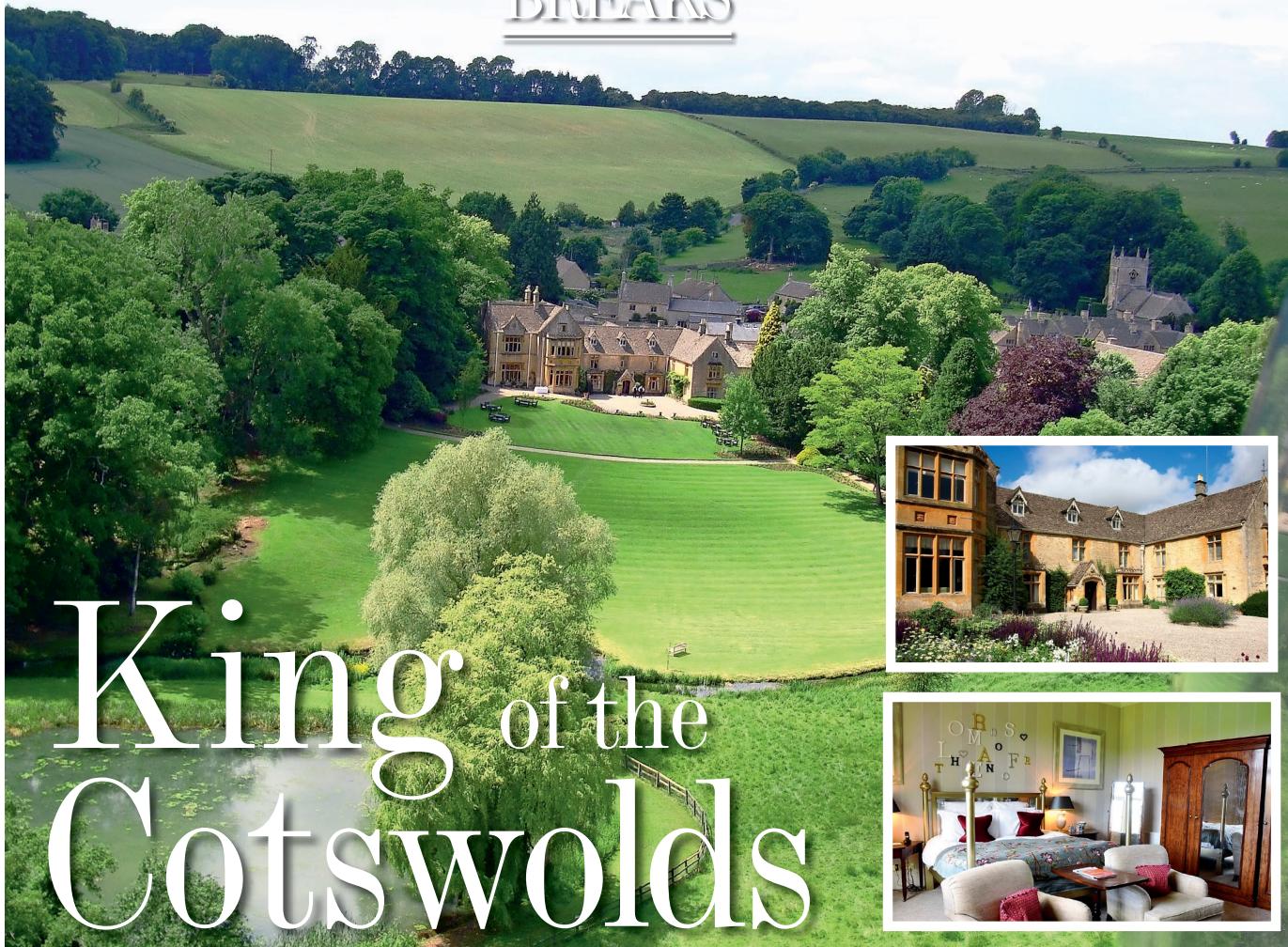
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# King of the Cotswolds

Lady Sybilla Hart enjoys a spot of country luxury at Lords of the Manor

The Slaughter family (originally Sclostre meaning 'a muddy place') purchased Lords of the Manor from none other than Henry VIII. A Fernando Tracy Travell occupied the house until his death in 1808 when the house was passed to his nephew the Reverend Francis Edward de Witts. The de Witts family were the first Rectors, and then Lords of Upper Slaughter. Indeed the de Witts family now live in the considerably larger neighbouring property, Upper Slaughter Manor. The house was occupied by the army in the Second World War during which time the front porch was damaged by an army vehicle, evidence of which can still be seen. There were no casualties during the war, which confirmed Upper Slaughter's reputation as a charmed place. Remarkably still, no one from the Parish was killed in either World War. Even the bottles of brandy were left untouched in the cellar.

Lords of the Manor is the sort of house that bankers overpay by a few million to get their hands on. It is the quintessential honey stoned Cotswold Rectory nestled in rolling hills surrounded by delightfully pretty villages. The house itself is small enough to feel cosy and intimate yet large enough to avoid tripping over other guests. We stayed in a Rectory bedroom, which was utterly charming but fairly small. It included every sort of detail you would

expect from a 17th century Cotswold manor house – mullioned windows, views over the parkland and very, very old lead windows. The bathroom was tiny but then they didn't get to build these old hotels from scratch.

Their restaurant is a Michelin starred enterprise seamlessly run by a cacophony of attentive, professional staff including a very enthusiastic French sommelier. We stayed at the hotel on St Valentines' day so unsurprisingly the dining room was wall to wall with couples. Some were local, some were from up north, some were older, and some were expectant parents.

What I like about this hotel is that it is true to its historical self. There is no modern stuck on spa with lots of spa members quaffing champagne in overcrowded jacuzzis. The mantra of Lords of the Manor is just to relax. It is a very peaceful place, not at all corporate and very homely. Staying here and getting a break from three children under five was the ultimate treat. On the downside, it was just a tiny bit tatty around the edges – but only if you're a real fusspot. }

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the bedrooms



# CONTINENTAL FAST

Iain Dooley road tests the latest from Bentley

**I**t's only when you go barreling into a turn faster than you really should in Bentley's Continental GTC that you realise what an accomplished piece of kit it is. After leaning hard on the brakes to scrub off speed the steering remains accurate, communicative and uncorrupted by the sudden change in direction.

For many this won't be the stereotypical image of a Bentley experience, though. Wafting along at a refined pace is the usual cliché, but since the arrival of the 'new' Bentley range under the Volkswagen Groups' stewardship, unashamed performance and driver involvement have been key elements of the brand's philosophy.

And this second-generation Continental GTC is yet another good example of Bentley's confidence in its approach to making super-luxury cars. A new look inside and out to complement the firm's flagship Mulsanne saloon is matched by a thorough revision of suspension, transmission and engine performance.

Like the Continental GT coupe, the GTC drop-top boasts crisp exterior lines and fuss-free sheetmetal – much of it crafted using the latest manufacturing technology. Unlike the coupe it also boasts a large fabric folding roof.

The four-seat GTC is not a small car, but now it has a wider track fore and aft to bolster its makers' claims of an improved driving experience. Revised

suspension components, retuned steering, a 40:60 power bias to the rear (previously 50:50) and a faster responding auto gearbox all result in a more agile car despite its size.

At the GTC's core is Bentley's familiar 6.0-litre 12-cylinder turbo petrol engine, with power going to all four wheels through a six-speed auto gearbox. Power has been upped slightly to 567bhp, while the engine's prodigious 516lb/ft of torque is what really impresses when out on the open road, and is a major reason behind the car's astonishing 4.5 second zero to 60mph time.

Sprinting duties aside, you also notice the snappy nature of the GTC's gearbox, which is more responsive than of old and a beneficiary of technology found in the previous generation Supersports variant. The changes to the car's suspension, steering and track also add genuine value to the experience, with the car delivering a more engaging experience when you're in the mood to press on and better able to cope with road surface imperfections around town.

Mind you, with the GTC's plush fabric roof up you'll struggle to hear much when sat in the car's supportive leather chairs. The overall experience is so good thanks to acoustic glass for the windows and better sound proofing that all you can hear is the distant burble from the exhaust. Drop

the roof and the situation changes; the exhaust's tone becomes more urgent and it's easy to hear the cackle and rumble when you lift off the throttle. You're still pretty well insulated from the elements, though. With the windows up and the wind deflector in place, fast motorway driving is never a chore.

All in all this second generation GTC is a useful step forward in terms of refinement, styling and performance. The car's evolutionary looks successfully complement the flagship Mulsanne saloon, while the available performance is staggering yet easily accessible.

With Bentley bucking the trend with its sales figures, it's clear that the company is doing something right. It's also pioneering technologies and processes that will eventually find their way into other Volkswagen Group cars, which is all the proof you need that it and its new GTC have a long and productive future. }

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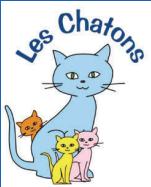


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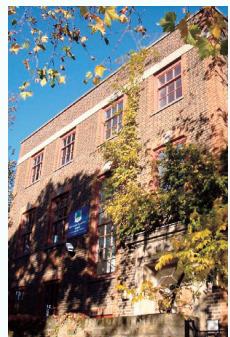
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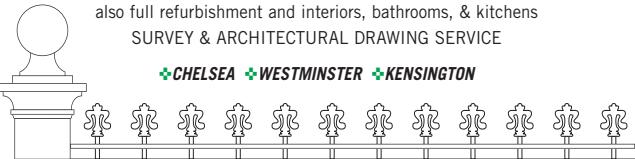
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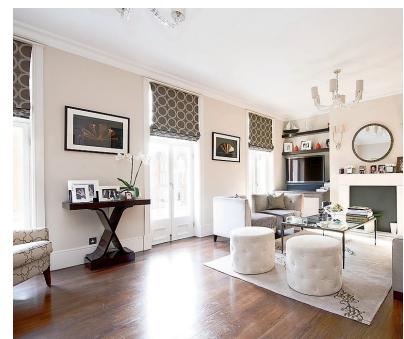
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## Onslow Gardens | Chelsea | SW7

Furnished

A stunning interior designed flat with wooden floors and elegant reception room, ideally located for the amenities of South Kensington.

Reception | Two bedrooms | Bathroom | Kitchen | Access to communal gardens

£1,250 per week

**Chelsea 020 7589 9966**



## Victoria Road | Kensington | W8

Furnished/Unfurnished

A wonderful six bedroom Victorian family house, situated to the south of Kensington Gardens in this highly regarded residential street.

Three reception rooms | Kitchen | Study | Six double bedrooms | Six bathrooms | Garden | Parking

£8,500 per week

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## Avalon Road | Fulham | SW6

Furnished, Short Let

Immaculately presented two bedroom split level flat located just off the King's Road moments from Fulham Broadway. The property has been beautifully furnished and benefits from a patio garden.

Double reception room | Eat-in kitchen | Two bedrooms | One bathroom | Patio garden

£1,100 per week

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## Wilbraham Place | Knightsbridge | SW1

Furnished, Short Let

An owner's own home located in this impressive mansion block moments from Sloane Square and Knightsbridge.

Drawing room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Two further bedrooms | Bathroom | Cloakroom | Lift

£6,000 per week

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### Kinnerton Street Knightsbridge SW1X

Superbly located in the heart of Motcomb Village, this virtually new house has been designed & constructed with great care & now provides well arranged & flexible accommodation on 3 floors. Large windows & high ceilings contribute to a light & airy feel which is complemented by hardwood floors & modern technology. The accommodation extends to approx. 1,700 sq ft & comprises 3-4 bedrooms, 4 bath/shower rooms, dressing room/bedroom 4, reception room, kitchen/dining room & cloakroom.

£3,950,000

leasehold plus share of freehold

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Whiteheads Grove  
Chelsea SW3

A well proportioned 1st floor apartment of approx. 1,625 sq ft. The accommodation is complemented by the south & west facing windows & comprises 4 bedrooms, a 20 ft reception room & kitchen. Cranmer Court is arguably one of Chelsea's most sought-after portered blocks & perfectly located for the local amenities & transport links of Sloane Avenue, King's Road & Fulham Road.

£2,600,000  
share of freehold

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### Atherstone Mews

Kensington SW7

A beautiful 2 bedroom maisonette set within this delightful cobbled mews near South Kensington. The property features a large open plan reception room with Poggenpohl kitchen & media area. The property further benefits from a study, 2 en-suite bathrooms with Duravit fittings & furniture, Lutron lighting & under floor heating.

£1,925,000

freehold

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### Atherstone Mews SW7

£1,575 per week

An exceptional property that has been redeveloped to offer two floors of accommodation in this converted mews house in the heart of South Kensington. The property is in immaculate condition throughout and offers luxury accommodation including Lutron lighting, integrated sound system and under floor heating.

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### Oxberry Avenue SW6

£1,250 per week

A stunning family house arranged over 3 floors & comprising a double reception room, eat-in kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a guest cloakroom & a patio garden. The property has been finished to a high standard throughout & is located just off Fulham Road, moments from the many local shops & cafés.

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### Fulham Road SW3

£1,200 per week

A newly refurbished 5th floor apartment in this purpose built block overlooking the private gardens of Pelham Crescent. The property benefits from a spacious reception room, 2 en-suite bedrooms & a guest cloakroom. Ideally located within close proximity to the transport links & amenities of South Kensington.

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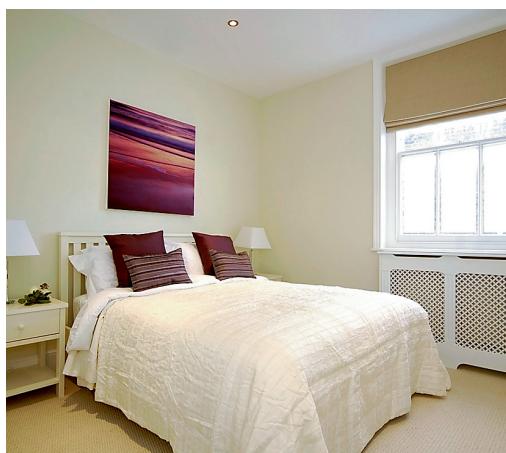
£775 per week

The property has been refurbished throughout & benefits from 3 bedrooms, an en-suite bathroom & a shower room. Further benefits include a large kitchen with stairs leading down to a dining area with French doors onto the private terrace. This period conversion still boasts plenty of period features including high ceilings, coving, fire places & sash windows.

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## JUBILEE PLACE, SW3

**Immaculately presented just off Chelsea Green**

Reception Room | Fitted Kitchen | Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room | Double Bedroom 2  
Separate Bathroom

**£775 per week furnished**



## ONSLOW GARDENS, SW7

**Direct access to communal gardens**

Drawing Room | Fitted Kitchen | Dining Room | Master Bedroom with Ensuite Bathroom | Bedroom 2 with Ensuite Shower Room | Bedroom 3 | Separate Bathroom

**£2,950,000 Share of Freehold**



A LOW BUILT HOUSE WITH SOUTHERLY VIEWS OF THE RIVER THAMES  
PETYT PLACE, SW3

First floor drawing room ♦ dining room ♦ sitting room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ loft room/bedroom 4 with en suite shower room ♦ cloakroom ♦ patio ♦ 289 sq m (3,109 sq ft)



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## ELEGANT AND SUBSTANTIAL GRADE II LISTED FAMILY HOME THURLOE SQUARE, SW7

Entrance hall ♦ dining room ♦ first floor drawing room ♦ family room ♦ study ♦ conservatory ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 6 further bedrooms suites ♦ gym ♦ 2 cloakrooms ♦ utility room ♦ garden ♦ 477 sq m (5,134 sq ft)



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## A SPECTACULAR STUDIO HOUSE SYDNEY CLOSE, SW3

2 double height studio rooms ♦ kitchen ♦ 2 gallery bedrooms ♦ 2 shower rooms ♦ cellar ♦ off-street parking ♦ 162 sq m (1,735 sq ft)



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Price on application Leasehold, approximately 99 years remaining



## A BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED FAMILY HOUSE FAWCETT STREET, SW10

Entrance hall ♦ reception room ♦ dining room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ study  
♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ cloakroom  
♦ self-contained 1 bedroom flat ♦ balcony ♦ patio garden ♦ south-facing roof  
terrace ♦ 297 sq m (3,199 sq ft)



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## IMPRESSIVE TOWNHOUSE OVERLOOKING THE RIVER THAMES

### RIVERSIDE LODGE, W4

Reception room ♦ dining room ♦ cinema room ♦ kitchen  
♦ master bedroom with en suite and 2 dressing rooms  
♦ 4 further bedrooms ♦ family bathroom and 4 en suite  
shower rooms ♦ playroom/gym ♦ cloakroom ♦ wine cellar  
♦ utility room ♦ balcony and terrace  
♦ integrated garage ♦ 391 sq m (4,200 sq ft)

Guide £4.5 million Freehold



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## BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED APARTMENT WITH SUPERB ENTERTAINING SPACE

### RIVERSIDE APARTMENT, SW6

Reception room ♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ dining area  
♦ master bedroom with dressing room and en suite  
bathroom ♦ 3 further bedrooms ♦ 2 bathrooms ♦ utility  
room ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ entrance hall ♦ balcony  
♦ 279 sq m (3,003 sq ft)

Guide £2.5 million Leasehold



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## AN EXCEPTIONAL HOUSE IN A PRIME POSITION WITH RIVER AND PARK VIEWS

### RUVIGNY GARDENS, SW15

Hall ◆ reception room ◆ dining/family room ◆ kitchen/breakfast room ◆ 4/5 bedrooms ◆ family bathroom ◆ shower room ◆ separate w.c ◆ utility/cellar ◆ garden ◆ river views ◆ gated off-street parking ◆ 224 sq m (2,411 sq ft)

Guide £2.85 million Freehold



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## SENSATIONAL RIVERSIDE APARTMENT WITH EXCELLENT ENTERTAINING SPACE

### MONTEVETRO, SW11

Exceptional apartment ◆ double reception room ◆ 3 bedrooms ◆ 3 bathrooms ◆ decked balcony ◆ 2 secure parking spaces ◆ tennis court & gym ◆ 24 hour concierge ◆ 182 sq m (1,954 sq ft)

Asking £2.4 million Leasehold



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## STUNNING FIRST FLOOR DRAWING ROOM WITH GARDEN SQUARE VIEWS STANHOPE GARDENS, SW7

Drawing room ♦ sitting room ♦ kitchen ♦ utility room ♦ master bedroom with en suite shower room ♦ guest bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ access to communal gardens by separate negotiation ♦ 159 sq m (1,711 sq ft)



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## SHAFESBURY MEWS

This charming modern house is quietly located in a private mews with parking. This unique house is beautifully designed and decorated throughout with excellent bathrooms and fully fitted kitchen.

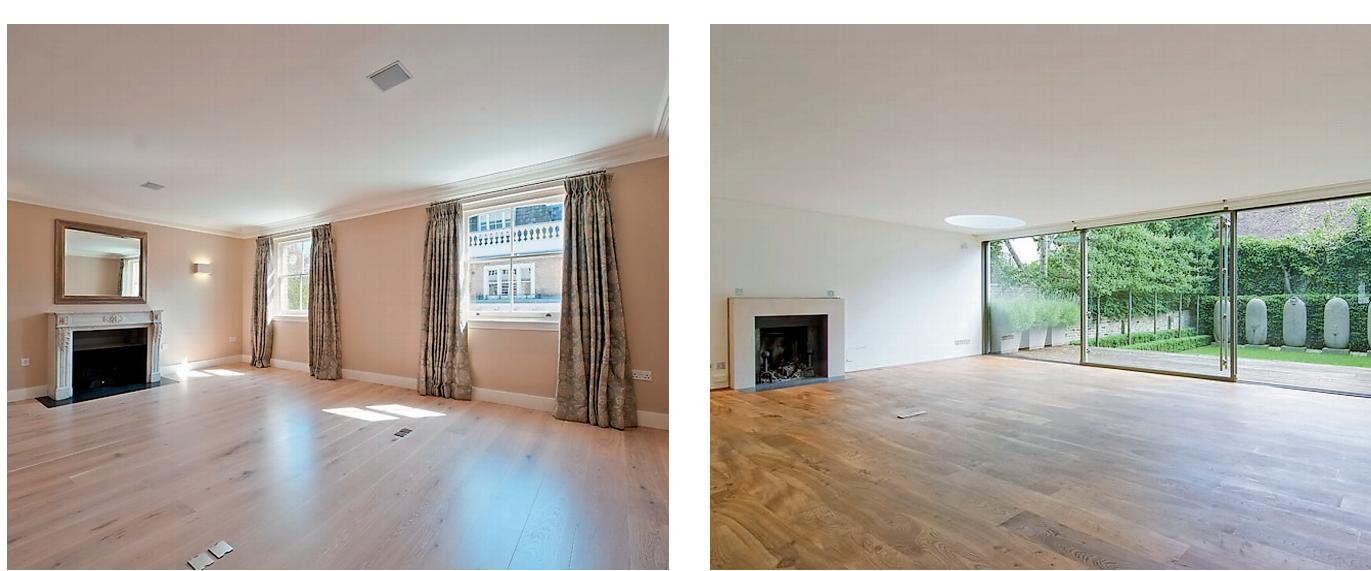
£650 per week

Unfurnished



## CHESTER ROW

Classic Belgravia house which has been refurbished in recent years to a high standard. The drawing room on the ground floor has French windows overlooking the southerly rear garden. The kitchen is beautifully designed with a large dining area with double doors leading onto the garden.



## ONSLOW GARDENS

This fabulous top floor maisonette, with lift, has been newly refurbished and interior designed throughout to an extremely high standard. An immaculate open plan kitchen/dining room has French doors onto a pretty roof terrace and the good sized reception room faces south over the communal gardens, to which there is access. Stairs from the second floor lead up to a good sized roof terrace which could make a delightful private roof garden. Situated on the east side of Onslow Gardens, closest to the communal gardens and shops and restaurants of South Kensington.

£1850 per week

Unfurnished



## DOURO PLACE

Fabulous architect designed house with a southerly aspect overlooking a landscaped garden. The property has been designed by the architect owner and therefore offers excellent contemporary accommodation with good storage space. The ground floor double reception, which extends across the width of the house, has sliding glass doors along the entire back of the property opening onto the garden. Cleverly designed walls slide to separate the open plan kitchen area from the living area. There is the added advantage of the staff flat in the lower ground area as well as the underground parking space.

£3950 per week

Unfurnished

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Gloucester Road, South Kensington SW7

*Guide price £4,750,000*

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Focus on South Kensington from Knight Frank



## Clareville Street, SW7

**£1,450 per week, available furnished or part-furnished**

This spacious mews house with garage in the heart of South Kensington offers fantastic living space with a light and bright reception room and a separate eat-in kitchen and utility room on the ground floor. The master bedroom covers the entire top floor, boasting plenty of built-in storage, privacy and light. The second double bedroom is served by the family bathroom and is perfect as a guest room or study. Approximately 138 sq m (1491 sq ft).

## Lettings comment

**David Mumby, Head of South Kensington and Chelsea Lettings**

The main narrative in the South Kensington rental market for the last 18 months has been thin supply meeting strong demand, and rents in some areas are now at the same historic highs seen during the 2008 peak. Although there is some evidence that the supply of rental property is rising, there simply aren't enough new units coming out of the ground to have anything other than a very localised impact in terms of steady rental values. Remarkably, rents are only 21% higher than they were a decade ago in South Kensington, whereas household incomes have risen by 48% over the same period. Given the relative affordability of renting, Knight Frank is forecasting the strong rental market to continue throughout 2012 yet, with price growth in line with inflation.



## Sales comment

**James Pace, Head of South Kensington and Chelsea Sales**

We have just completed our first full year of sales and lettings in South Kensington. It has been incredibly busy and now that people know that we're here, we're looking forward to more of the same for the year ahead. Despite the stamp duty rises in the Budget, and some attempted renegotiations, buyers' appetite for flats and houses has continued. Our main concern is that with the cost of moving at an even higher level, will this put people off selling? If this is the case, it will reduce the amount of available stock still further and put yet more pressure on prices to rise. One thing is for sure – London is the global city that many want to live in right now and South Kensington is its cultural heartland.



## Sheridan Court, SW5

**£3,200,000 freehold**

This spacious and well presented five-bedroom family apartment is on the raised ground floor of a popular and well run portered mansion block. The property has an excellent balance of entertaining space and bedrooms, with impressive ceiling height throughout. Approximately 225 sq m (2419 sq ft).

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SOLD

**Chelsea Walk, Chelsea SW10**

£925,000 - £680,000



SOLD

**Brechin Place, South Kensington SW7**

£925,000



SOLD

**Richmond Mansions, Earls Court SW5**

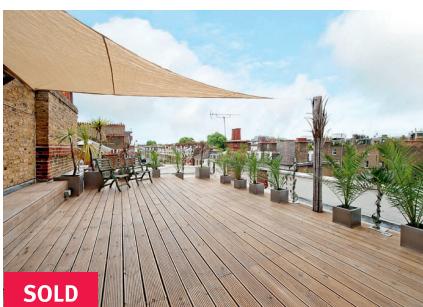
£1,150,000



SOLD

**Gledhow Gardens, Earls Court SW5**

£1,295,000



SOLD

**Bramham Gardens, Earls Court SW5**

£1,395,000



SOLD

**Upper Cheyne Row, Chelsea SW3**

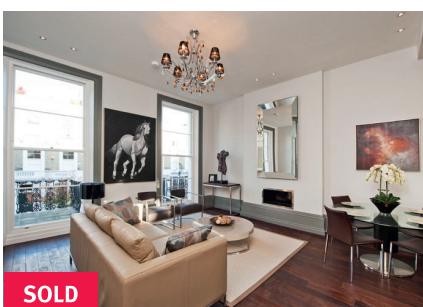
£1,400,000



SOLD

**Manson Place, South Kensington SW7**

£1,650,000



SOLD

**Redcliffe Place, Chelsea SW10**

£1,750,000



SOLD

**Onslow Gardens, South Kensington SW7**

£1,800,000



SOLD

**Limerton Street, Chelsea SW10**

£2,650,000



SOLD

**King's Road, Chelsea SW10**

£2,850,000



SOLD

**Earl's Court Square, Earls Court SW5**

£2,950,000

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**SOLD**

Fernshaw Road, Chelsea SW10

£2,950,000



**SOLD**

Lamont Road, Chelsea SW10

£3,250,000



**SOLD**

Cresswell Place, Chelsea SW10

£3,500,000



**SOLD**

Sheridan Court, Earls Court SW5

£3,550,000



**SOLD**

Justice Walk, Chelsea SW3

£4,950,000



**SOLD**

Carlyle Square, Chelsea SW3

£6,250,000



**SOLD**

Justice Walk, Chelsea SW3

£11,500,000



**SOLD**

The Vale, Chelsea SW3

£13,000,000

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## Old Brompton Road, South Kensington SW5

Two bedroom flat with patio and communal garden

A beautifully presented two bedroom apartment with wonderful private patio and access onto communal gardens. There is a light and spacious reception room, excellent master bedroom suite and an abundance of storage space in the flat. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, reception room, kitchen, patio. Approximately 98 sq m (1,056 sq ft)

Leasehold: Approximately 124 years

Guide price: £1,200,000

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## Studdridge Street, Fulham SW6

Four bedroom Lion house

A beautiful four bedroom Nichols Lion house in Parsons Green. The house benefits from 4 bedrooms, a family room, utility room, double reception room, open plan kitchen/breakfast room and a south facing garden with views onto the vicarage garden at the back of the house. Approximately 218.3 sq m (2,350 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £2,150,000

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## Grosvenor Crescent Mews, Belgravia SW1

Newly refurbished two bedroom flat with parking

A stylish lateral apartment with the benefit of a private entrance, personal lift and an off-street car parking space, situated in one of Belgravia's most sought after private gated mews developments. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, further bedroom with en suite shower room, reception room, kitchen, guest cloakroom, terrace, lift, off-street car parking space. Approximately 131 sq m (1,421 sq ft)

Leasehold: Approximately 149 years remaining

Guide price: £3,500,000

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## Chester Street, Belgravia SW1

An elegant triplex apartment with large garden

An immaculate maisonette arranged over three levels with a large terrace and garden. Master bedroom suite with dressing room, 2 further bedroom suites, drawing room with access onto balcony, sitting room, library, dining hall, kitchen, utility, WC/shower room, garden, terrace. Approximately 212 sq m (2,283 sq ft)

Share of freehold

Guide price: £4,650,000

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## Onslow Square, South Kensington SW7

A superb two bedroom penthouse

An excellent two bedroom apartment with superb south facing views over this popular garden square. Master bedroom suite, second bedroom suite, reception room with vaulted ceilings, kitchen/breakfast room, roof terrace, lift, access to communal gardens. Approximately 127 sq m (1,375 sq ft)

Leasehold: Approximately 88 years remaining

Guide price: £3,500,000

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## Albert Bridge House, Battersea Park SW11

Stunning views

A contemporary two bedroom property in Albert Bridge House with floor to ceiling windows in the reception room framing the beautiful views over Battersea Park and Albert Bridge. The apartment also has 24hour concierge and 2 parking spaces. Approximately 118 sq m (1,184 sq ft)

Leasehold

Guide price: £1,495,000

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## Ives Street, Knightsbridge SW3

Two apartments for sale

Two apartments for sale within this striking building, a first floor one bedroom apartment and a two bedroom penthouse apartment with exceptional roof top views.  
Apartment 1 - 1 bedroom, 1 reception room, approximately 60 sq m (655 sq ft)  
Apartment 2 - 2 bedrooms, 1 reception room, approximately 61 sq m (660 sq ft)

Leasehold: Approximately 98 years remaining

Apartment 1 - Guide price: £875,000  
Apartment 2 - Guide price: £925,000

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## Ebury Mews East, Belgravia SW1

Two bedroom mews house

A freehold mews house situated in the heart of Belgravia, ideal for staff accommodation, private office or additional parking.  
2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/dining room, reception room/garage, mews parking. Approximately 78 sq m (850 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £1,995,000

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## WOODSTOCK ROAD, W4

£1,350,000

A stunning Grade II listed Norman Shaw garden flat located in the very heart of Bedford Park. Two bedrooms, Two bathrooms, 30' Through reception, Large kitchen/breakfast room, 35' Garden with raised decking, Sun room, Planning to convert small garage space, Leasehold and no onward chain. Situated within close proximity of Chiswick High Road and its extensive shopping and restaurant facilities and local transport links which include Turnham Green Station.



## ST PETERS ROAD, W6

£625,000

A newly built innovative freehold property with the added benefit of a private west facing garden and off street parking. Two bedrooms, Luxury bathroom, 20' Dual aspect reception room, Fully fitted kitchen, Polished oak flooring, Solar panels with feed in tariff, Private west facing landscaped garden, Off street parking for one car. Situated within close proximity of Ravenscourt Park Tube Station and numerous bus routes.

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## CADOGAN PLACE, SW1

A newly decorated 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment with resident porter and lift, ideally located to all the facilities of Motcomb Street and Knightsbridge.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £1,600 per week



## PALACE STREET, SW1

A well appointed 9<sup>th</sup> floor apartment with concierge in the heart of Westminster and close to the facilities of Victoria Street and Cardinal Place.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, balcony.

Furnished £1,250 per week



## CLAVERTON STREET, SW1

This newly refurbished upper maisonette in a period building is well located for all the facilities of Pimlico. With extensive views over London and the additional benefit of a roof terrace.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £740 per week

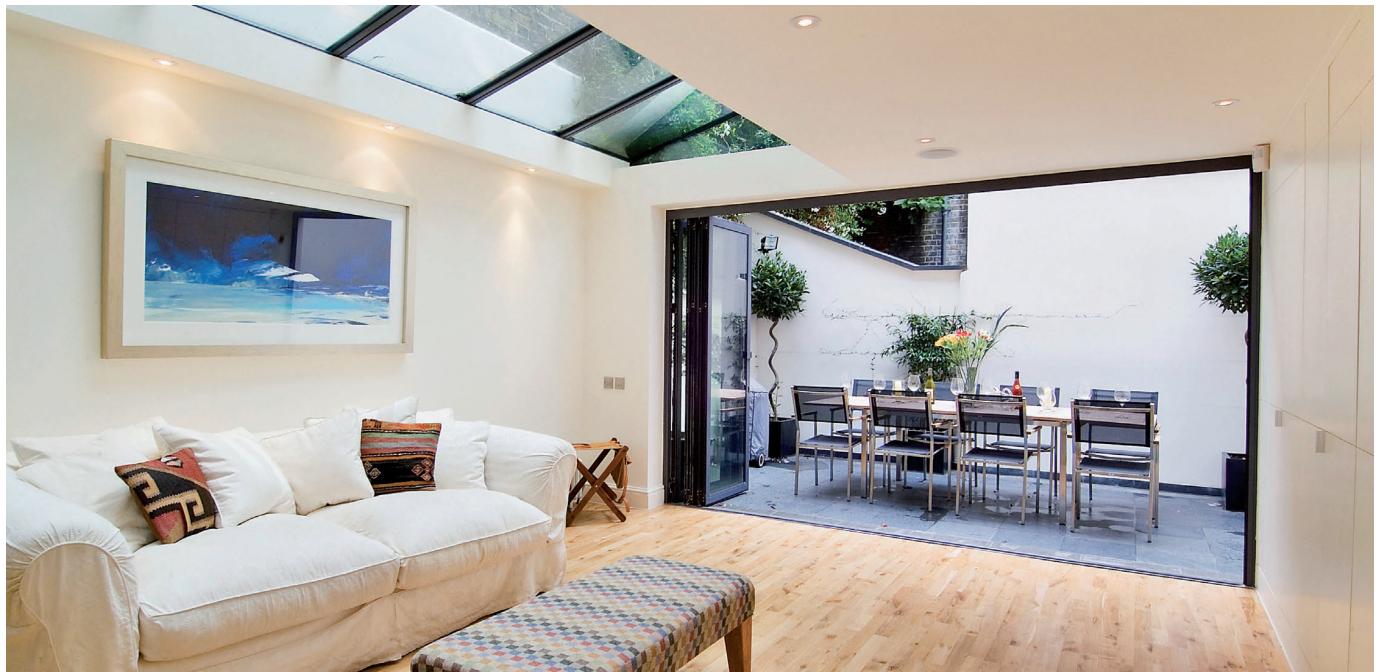


## SLOANE SQUARE, SW1

A spacious flat in this modern building with lift and porter on the edge of Sloane Square with its Underground station, theatre, shops, restaurants and bar facilities.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £575 per week



## CAMBRIDGE STREET, SW1

A classic part-stucco fronted family house with superb reception space, on this well regarded street.

5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), shower room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor drawing room, study, sitting room, kitchen/dining/family room, utility room, cloakroom, roof terrace, patio, balcony, storage vault.

**Freehold Guide Price: £2,795,000**



## WARWICK SQUARE, SW1

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## **Warwick Gardens W14 £8,500,000**

A truly spectacular semi detached family house, boasting an exceptional garden, off street parking and substantial living space. The accommodation features an amazing double reception room, a further reception room, a superb kitchen, a study, a separate dining room, an incredible games room with its own shower room and kitchenette, four spacious bedrooms (one with en suite), a family bathroom, two further shower rooms and a guest cloakroom. Freehold.

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## Halsey Street SW3 £4,350,000

This fabulous period Chelsea house is presented in excellent condition throughout and has been designed with family living in mind. The property comprises a bright reception/dining room, a stunning kitchen that leads out to a private terrace overlooking the patio garden below, a family room, guest cloakroom and a utility room. The bedroom accommodation boasts a master bedroom suite arranged over the entire second floor, four further double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Carlisle Mansions SW1 £3,400,000

This magnificent and rare penthouse apartment is located in a prestigious mansion block just a short walk from Victoria and St James's Park. The apartment has been refurbished to the highest standard and offers a 40ft double reception room, a contemporary, fully fitted kitchen, a master suite with dressing room, bathroom and separate WC, three further double bedrooms (one en suite) and a family bathroom. The flat benefits from a lift and a resident porter. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Lennox Gardens SW1 £3,250,000

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## Drayson Mews W8 £2,650,000

Arranged over three floors, this superb mews house boasts a kitchen/breakfast room on the ground floor leading out to the garden, a first floor drawing room and three double bedrooms all the with en suite bathrooms and built-in storage, including a master suite with a private terrace. Drayson Mews is a charming cobbled mews conveniently situated just off Holland Street close to the excellent transport and shopping facilities of Kensington High Street. Freehold. **Joint Sole Agent.**

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## Moore Park Road SW6 £2,350,000

Arranged over four floors, this period property has been designed and finished to an exceptional standard. This lovely house provides a double reception room leading to a south facing terrace, a contemporary kitchen/dining area and a large open plan games room. The bedroom accommodation includes a master suite, complete with retracting roof section and a south facing balcony, two further double bedrooms (both en suite) and a small kitchenette. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Coleherne Court SW5 £2,250,000

Presented in excellent condition, with a newly installed kitchen and bathrooms, this large apartment is located on the third floor of this very popular red brick mansion block. The accommodation comprises a large reception room, a dining room, a large kitchen/breakfast room, three large bedrooms (one en suite) and a family bathroom. Further benefits include access to beautiful communal gardens, 24 hour security and a lift. Share of Freehold.

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## Redcliffe Gardens SW10 £1,195,000

This wonderful apartment is set on the raised ground floor of an imposing Victorian period house. The property boasts a large reception room with stunning original features, an internal kitchen, two large double bedrooms facing onto the quiet gardens and a family bathroom. Share of Freehold.

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## Vauxhall Bridge Road SW1 £975,000

One of a few penthouse apartments located in this sought after building, this property offers a large reception room, a well appointed eat-in kitchen leading out to a large private terrace, a master bedroom with a balcony, two further bedrooms and two bathrooms (one en suite). Benefits include a concierge, secure underground parking and a lift. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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### **Mallord Street SW3 £1,295 per week**

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### **Strathmore Gardens W8 £750 per week**

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### **Eccleston Square SW1 £695 per week**

This substantial maisonette is located on one of the most sought after garden squares in Pimlico offering spectacular views and access to Eccleston Square. The apartment is well presented comprising a grand reception room leading out to a small balcony, a spacious kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

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### **Collingham Gardens SW5 £695 per week**

This modern period conversion comprises a large reception room with doors leading to a private patio, a separate eat-in kitchen with doors leading out to a patio, two double bedrooms with excellent storage, a modern bathroom, a utility room and a further patio.

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Homes with plenty of space inside and out plus branch news from Marsh & Parsons



## Avalon Road, SW6

**£1,850,000**

**What:** A three-bedroom house offering contemporary living on the borders of Chelsea and Fulham.

**Wow factor:** Reception room with walnut wood flooring and windows running the length of the room, stunning kitchen/dining room with Barget units and Siemens appliances, and a further reception area with French doors leading onto a private courtyard.

**Extras:** Ground floor office that could easily be rearranged as a garage.

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## St James's Gardens, W11

**£6,500,000**

**What:** Five-bedroom mid-terrace house in Holland Park, with walled mature garden plus fantastic views over the glorious garden square.

**Wow factor:** Impressive first-floor drawing room with floor-to-ceiling windows onto the southerly aspect, and master suite that occupies the whole of the second floor.

**Extras:** The accommodation is arranged over five floors, with an independent lower ground floor apartment.

Marsh & Parsons Holland Park,  
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## Vincent Square, SW1P

**£1,950,000**

**What:** Three-bedroom duplex in a landmark development close to Parliament Square and the Tate Britain gallery. The new facade of the Grade II-listed building, formerly a police station and magistrates court was designed by the award-winning John Simpson and Partners.

**Wow factor:** Kitchen/reception room with French doors onto roof terrace overlooking the square.

**Extras:** 24-hour concierge and secure underground parking.

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## Marsh & Parsons moves into Earls Court

The latest Marsh & Parsons' branch opened in Earls Court on April 16th, bringing their total number of offices in Kensington & Chelsea to six – more than any other agent.

Marsh & Parsons Managing Director, Peter Rollings, said: "We are launching with zero commission for the first three months to announce our arrival in Earls Court. Earls Court is undergoing huge regeneration with the Sir Terry Farrell scheme having been given the go-ahead by RBKC for 7,500 houses and we firmly believe this is the right time to open."

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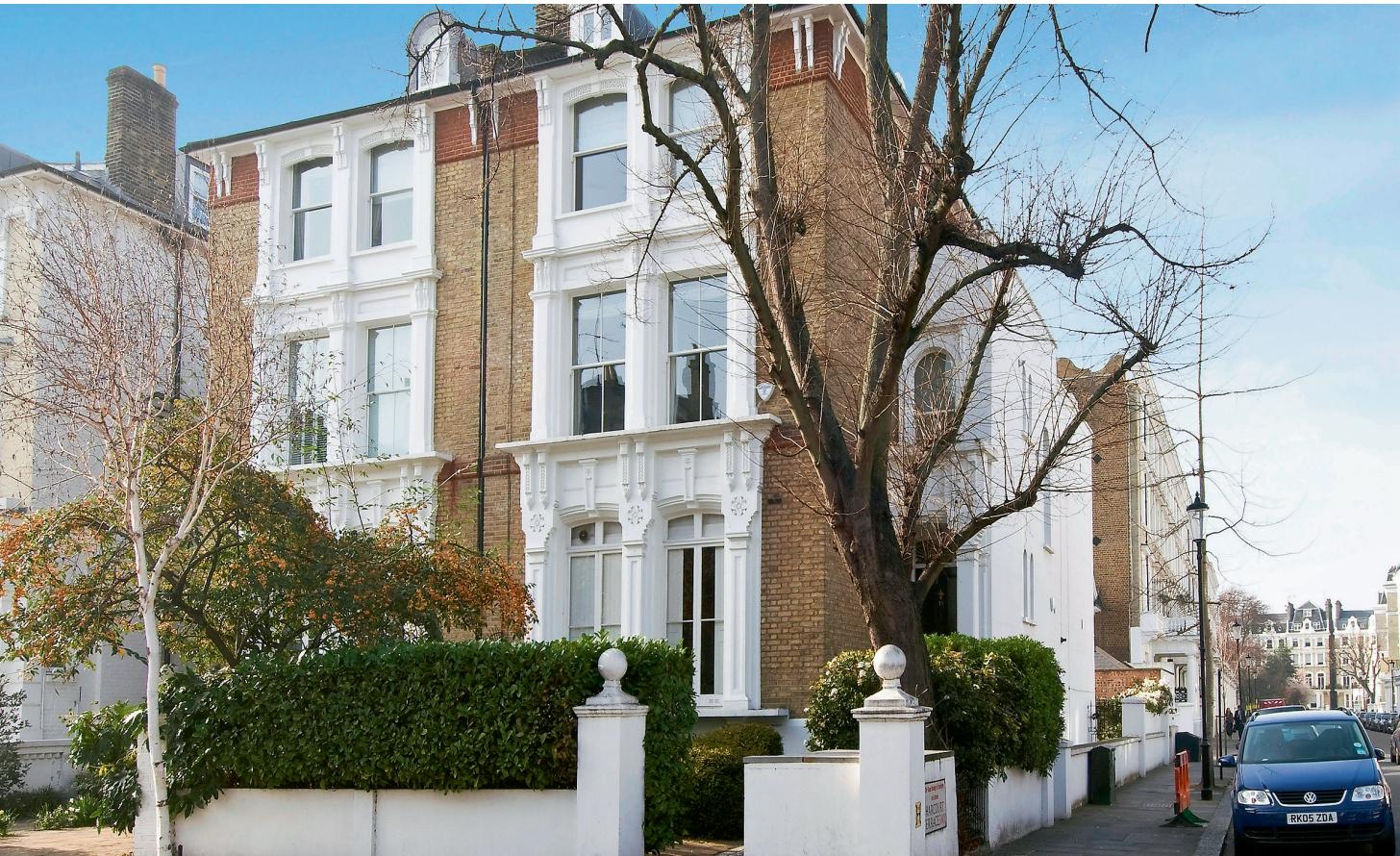
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## TREGUNTER ROAD, SW10

This stunning first floor 3 bedroom flat has a bespoke kitchen/dining room, and limed oak floors throughout.

1,210 sq ft / 112.4 sq m

£1,999,999

Leasehold



## BILLING STREET, SW10

A very charming 2 double bedroom period cottage, arranged over only three floors, with a very pretty terrace.

1,195 sq ft / 111 sq m

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## REDCLIFFE GARDENS, SW10

A beautiful 2 bedroom raised ground floor flat, with large proportions. This flat has windows to three sides.

1,040 sq ft / 96.62 sq m

£1,275,000

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## IFIELD ROAD, SW10

With the benefit of 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, this well presented maisonette would make a lovely family home.

1,076 sq ft / 99.96 sq m

£1,050,000

Share of freehold



## REDCLIFFE ROAD, SW10

This wonderful studio style 1 bedroom apartment benefits from extraordinary light and an open plan living arrangement.

624 sq ft / 57.97 sq m

£840,000

Leasehold



## ROLAND GARDENS, SW7

This stunning 2/3 bedroom penthouse flat has a double height ceiling reception room, looking onto the galleried kitchen area.

1,233 sq ft / 114.5 sq m

£1,995,000

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### CATHCART ROAD, SW10

An immaculately presented raised and lower ground floor 2 bedroom maisonette, with a glorious private 48 ft garden.  
1,384 sq ft / 129 sq m

£1,950,000

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### REDCLIFFE SQUARE, SW10

An immaculately presented 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom second floor flat desirably located on a garden square.  
724 sq ft / 67.26 sq m

£995,000

Share of Freehold



### REDCLIFFE PLACE, SW10

A charming and well proportioned 2 bedroom flat, featuring a light and attractive kitchen leading to a pretty secluded garden.  
736 sq ft / 68.37 sq m

£695,000

Share of freehold



### PARK WALK, SW10

Approached via its' own street entrance, this attractive 2 bedroom flat has excellent reception space.  
956 sq ft / 88.81 sq m

£997,500

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### PARK WALK, SW10

An immaculately newly refurbished 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom flat on the third floor of this ever popular period mansion block.  
1,151 sq ft / 106.9 sq m

£1,495,000

Leasehold



### REDCLIFFE SQUARE, SW10

A spectacular, but unmodernised 2 double bedroom flat, situated just off The Little Boltons. The flat has stunning views.  
1,064 sq ft / 98.85 sq m

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### THE BILLINGS, SW10

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**£750**  
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Furnished or  
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### REDCLIFFE MEWS, SW10

A pretty mews house located just off Harcourt Terrace in this quiet and pretty cobbled street. The property boasts two double bedrooms, two bathrooms, a bright reception room, a separate kitchen and the house has its own private patio garden and garage.

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### ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

Beautifully refurbished throughout, this spacious two bedroom, two bathroom apartment is located just off the Fulham Road. Situated on the 3rd floor (with lift) of a period property with access to the communal gardens, the flat also boasts wood floors throughout, high ceilings, fantastic storage and bundles of natural light.

**£895**  
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### WETHERBY GARDENS, SW5

An absolutely stunning 1st floor apartment with high ceilings throughout and access to the communal gardens. The apartment has fantastic accommodation including a kitchen/dining room, an elegant and spacious reception room overlooking the beautiful manicured gardens and two large double bedrooms.

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### PHILBEACH GARDENS, SW5

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£1350  
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### CATHCART ROAD, SW10

An immaculately presented ground and lower ground floor maisonette with a superb garden. The apartment comprises a fantastic reception room which is wonderful for entertaining, a Boffi designed kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms (both en suite) and a huge array of state of the art specifications.

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### ST LUKE'S STREET, SW3

A charming and beautifully presented two bedroom period house situated near the ever popular Chelsea Green and St Lukes Gardens. Comprising a spacious reception room, a lovely kitchen/breakfast room, two bathrooms and two pretty paved terraces.

£1500  
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### QUEENS GATE GARDENS, SW7

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### *Stamp of disapproval*

In the same week that the average house price in Kensington and Chelsea broke the £2m barrier, the much-debated 'mansion tax' was confirmed in the Budget. Any property that sells for over £2m will now be subject to 7% stamp duty, a rise of 2%, while for properties bought through an offshore company, this figure increases to 15%. The Chancellor estimates that this will bring in an additional £150m over the next financial year. The impact of the new tax was seen immediately, as Jonathan Hewlett, head of Savills

London, reports: "We had clients working flat out to exchange the day before the Budget was announced."

"This 'mansion' tax will be felt hardest in London where many reasonably sized family homes will now fall into this bracket," says Wendy Evans-Scott, President of the NAEA (National Association of Estate Agents).

However, Miles Meacock of Strutt & Parker comments that: "London is swelled by foreign investment, many of whom want to invest whatever the tax implications and with Italian SDLT, for example, set at 10%, London should still seem a less painful investment



## **Prices reach new high**

Rightmove's April house price index concludes that 'London and south west help national asking prices to new record'. According to their research, London prices have seen a 14.9% (£60,403) increase since the national peak in May 2008 – however, new sellers' average asking prices in the rest of the country have fallen by 4.3% over the same period. The average price of a property in Kensington and Chelsea in April 2012 was £2,097,797, compared to £2,000,120 in March 2012 and £1,799,540 in April 2011, representing an increase of 16.6% year on year.

Meanwhile, in a study by Hometrack, house prices rose by 0.2% nationally and 0.5% in London in March – the biggest monthly increase since April 2010. The survey revealed a clear divide between southern England and the rest of the country – prices rose across two-fifths of the London market and a fifth of the market in the south-east, while across the midlands and northern regions there were price falls.

These findings were backed up by Knight Frank's latest Prime Central London Sales Index, which found that prices rose in March by 1.1%, the highest rate since May 2011. Sales were up by 42% in Q1 2012 compared to 2011, with particularly buoyant activity in the £5m+ bracket, up 93% over the same period. However, supply failed to keep pace, with new instructions up by just 12% – and down by 11% in the £5m+ bracket.

## **London flying high**

Two recent reports put London at the top of the charts. The Wealth Report from Knight Frank reveals that London is seen as one of the most important world cities for high-net-worth

individuals, along with New York, Hong Kong and Paris. Meanwhile, New York and London remain the world's most global cities according to the 2012 A.T. Kearney Global Cities Index.

## **News in brief**

- Since the Budget, renovations on listed buildings will no longer be exempt from VAT – in effect adding 20% to the value of work.
- Knight Frank reports a 19% rise in online enquiries from France about homes located in London's priciest districts in the first quarter of 2012, a contrast with a 9% fall in enquiries from elsewhere in Europe. The increase is speculated to be due to proposed wealth taxes in France in the run-up to the French elections.
- With the Olympics still five months away, booking enquiries for London properties in July/August have increased by 695% compared to the same period last year, according to HomeAway.co.uk.
- Savills, Goedhuis & Co and Weatherbys Private Banking are to host the Summer Rosé Tasting 2012 at the Saatchi Gallery on Tuesday 26th June. It is hoped the tasting will raise £60,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Tickets are £40 and can be purchased at [www.goedhuis.com/events-wine-courses](http://www.goedhuis.com/events-wine-courses)
- Hamptons International has announced that it will expand its UK network by approximately 10% throughout 2012. The agency has opened four new branches this year and has several more imminent launches. A flagship branch was opened in Mayfair in January, complementing the existing offices in Knightsbridge, Kensington, Chelsea and Sloane Square.
- Foxtons has opened two more offices in Earlsfield and Pimlico & Westminster, bringing its total to 36. To celebrate the launch of the new offices, Foxtons is offering local homeowners 0% commission when instructing the Earlsfield and Pimlico & Westminster offices.

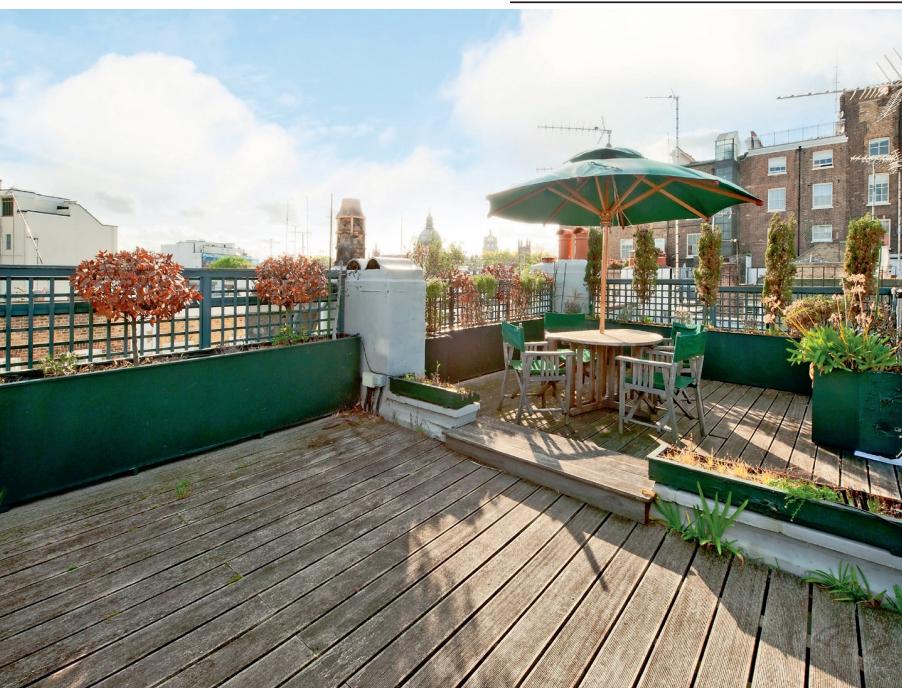
## **Joining of forces**

The Office of Fair Trading has given clearance for the proposed merger between Digital Property Group Ltd and Zoopla Ltd to go ahead. The deal will create an alternative to current market leader Rightmove and will bring together brands such as Findaproperty.com, Zoopla.co.uk and Primelocation.com.

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**Montpelier Place, SW7**

**£7,950,000**

In the heart of Kensington Village, two Montpelier Place houses have been joined to create this spacious five-bedroom home, which includes an expansive roof garden spanning both of the original houses.

Patterson Bowe, 020 7581 3253

# Bloomin' marvellous

Inspired by the Chelsea Garden Show, our thoughts have turned to floral displays and sunny terraces. Here are five of our favourite properties with gardens on the market this month



## *Family friendly*

**Victoria Road, W8**

**£8,500 per week**

Located just south of Kensington Gardens, this six/seven-bedroom home has a large garden which can be accessed via the spacious kitchen breakfast/family room, while an elegant double reception room leads onto the terrace.

Aylesford, 020 7351 2383



## *Open views*

**Atalanta Street, SW6**

**£1,395,000**

This four-bedroom home offers fabulous living accommodation on the ground floor, including a double reception room to the front and a large kitchen/breakfast room with part-vaulted ceilings leading out onto the 40-foot lawned garden. The property also benefits from a rare open aspect looking out across the Fulham recreational grounds and Fulham cemetery.

Chesterton Humberts, 020 7471 2020



### Walled garden

Gordon Place, W8

£575 per week

On a quiet street just off Kensington Church Street, this refurbished flat offers two double bedrooms leading onto a paved garden, a large reception room, modern kitchen and bathroom.

Douglas & Gordon, 020 7792 1331



### Let the outside in

15 Douro Place, W8

£3,950 per week

This architect-designed, four-bedroom house enjoys a southerly aspect overlooking the landscaped garden. The ground-floor double reception

extends across the width of the house and has sliding glass doors along the entire back of the property, opening onto the garden. Cleverly designed walls slide to separate the open-plan kitchen area from the living area.

Henry & James, 020 7581 5011

### Blank canvas

Earls Court Square,

SW5

£595 per week

On the ground floor of a period building, this refurbished one-bedroom flat benefits from an unusually large private garden, with lots of potential to create a real haven from the hustle and bustle of the city.

WA Ellis,  
020 7306 1630



## Area focus: Chelsea and Belgravia

### Market comment from

**Cluttons:** The appeal of a home in prestigious Chelsea and Belgravia has continued to attract buyers with fierce competition in both areas.

As summer draws near, the prime lifestyle opportunity of the area comes into its own, with the green spaces of Chelsea's gardens and Hyde Park nearby, and the Jubilee celebrations along the Thames. Chelsea Farmer's Market and the shops and cafes of Brompton Road in particular add to the summer village appeal of this area in the heart of London.

The most sought-after properties are reaching all-time high prices, achieving over £2,000 per square foot in some cases. Discerning buyers are scrutinising all aspects of properties, seeking the best possible investment, and offers above asking price are common where the right criteria are all met. Good quality properties will attract multiple bids and sell within a matter of days, while properties at the other end of the same street which are less attractive can take far longer to sell.

Wealthy foreign buyers in particular are keen to secure properties with the best addresses, often overlooking gardens squares, and are willing to pay the premium. Nonetheless, locals are still key to the market as buyers are seeking to trade up from other areas.

Rental yields are not generally as high in Chelsea and Belgravia as other London districts, and so owner occupier purchases are more common than buy to let. Smaller apartments are proving popular with non-permanent residents seeking a pied-à-terre close to amenities and transport links, which is likely to continue to increase in value.

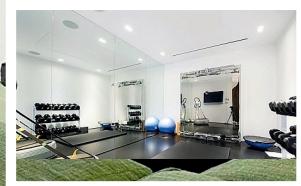
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**Adam & Eve Mews, W8**

£4,750,000

This four-bedroom mews house near High Street Kensington impresses from the roof terrace offering panoramic views down to the basement rooms, which include a fabulous cinema room and gym.

Lurot Brand, 020 7590 9955



# Dig deep

A basement conversion can be the solution to space problems and also add value to your home

If you can't move, improve; or so the saying goes. If, for whatever reason, moving isn't on the cards right now, there are plenty of ways you can alter your present accommodation to suit you better. Basement conversions are becoming increasingly popular as a way to add considerable living space and value to your home.

For househunters too, a property with potential for a basement conversion can be an attractive proposition – by digging down you can extend the property without increasing the building's footprint or falling foul of development restrictions.

With property and land values still increasing in London, taking advantage of the space beneath your home makes a lot of sense. You could even convert the space into a separate self-contained flat and bring in a rental income. However, the work involved with converting a basement are considerable, so it's not an undertaking for the fainthearted.

Basement conversions are most common in prime property areas, like central London, where there is a lack of available space to extend above ground and the cost of moving may be higher. Up to three or four levels are possible to achieve (the so-called 'iceberg' homes, some of which even have subterranean swimming pools) but one level is typical.

The options are either to convert an existing basement into living accommodation, which may involve digging down to increase the ceiling height, or you can 'retro-fit' a basement, which means digging out from scratch. Retro-fit basements are a greater challenge and are more costly, requiring research into soil conditions, potential contaminants, water tables and structural loads. There are various architects,

structural engineers and basement contractors who specialise in this kind of work. Sometimes the work can be carried out from outside, which is less intrusive and makes it easier to continue to live in the property while the work is going on.

Basements can also be extended out under a garden area to further increase potential living space. This can also introduce light into basement rooms beneath the house. Alternatively, a 'garden room' can be created on its own, maybe with a rooflight cut into decking above.

If you're considering a basement conversion, most specialist companies will be happy to visit you at your home to conduct a survey and discuss the options. One of the main issues is damp-proofing – clearly a key part of any work to create a room below ground level, which is probably below the water table and which, without sufficient waterproofing, would fill up with rainwater. There are different systems available, from waterproof paints, render and membranes to extensive drainage systems using sump pumps, which your contractor should be able to advise you about. Insulation is another key factor which will help to determine the ultimate success of the conversion.

How you will use the converted space should also be considered early on in the process. A bathroom, kitchen or bedroom will have different electrical, lighting and plumbing requirements to a media room, office or gym, for example. As basements rarely have much natural light, many people opt for a light and bright décor, with carefully considered electrical lighting. A minimalist design also tends to work well.

If your basement already has windows, now is your chance to replace them, not only if they are old and



## Brompton Lodge, SW7

£1,550,000

This two-bedroom basement flat has been recently refurbished and benefits from a patio garden.

Patterson Bowe, 020 7581 3253

leaky, but also to introduce designs that will maximise light and look the part. Access to the basement is another consideration. If you're lucky, the existing stairs will be sufficient, but more often than not these are poorly constructed, narrow and steep, in which case, a new wider, easier to use staircase will need to be introduced into the design.

Many older properties are suitable for basement conversions, particularly Victorian houses where the space would have been used for laundry or as a coal store. However, some may not have sufficient foundations, requiring the extra expense of underpinning work. Even without this, conversions don't come cheap, so before embarking on such a project, ensure it is cost-effective – there is little point spending more money than it will add to the value of the property (although compared to the cost of moving, it may still be a viable). For this reason, basement extensions are often only worthwhile in prime property areas such as central London.

While most basement conversions don't need planning permission as the work will only alter the interior, if the exterior is affected, for example, the addition of new doors or windows, or if the work will involve digging up pavements or the road outside your property, you will need permission from your local council. Listed buildings also require planning consent. All structural or extension work must comply with current building regulations, covering matters such as fire escapes, damp-proofing, ventilation, electrics, ceiling heights, door and window sizes, and so on. Neighbours sharing a party wall are also entitled to enquire about subsidence and request a report; it's best to discuss any work you have planned with your neighbours before the digging starts. }



## Walton Street, SW3

£4,500 per week

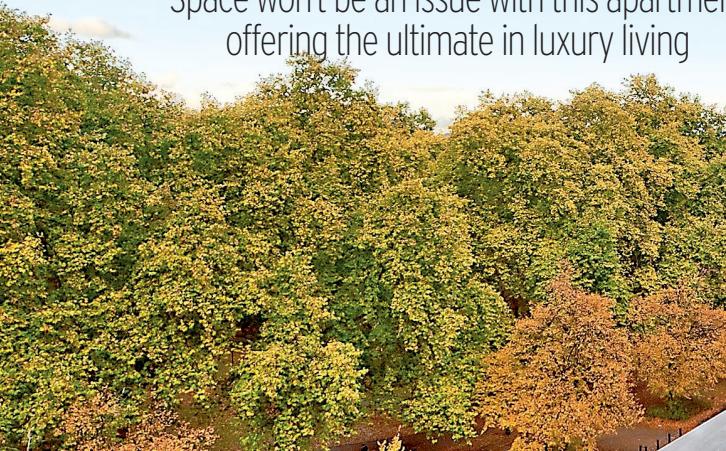
Situated in an exclusive location just a few minutes walk from Harrods, this stucco-fronted house benefits from a lovely light-filled basement kitchen.

WA Ellis, 020 7306 1600

# *Property* OF THE MONTH

# Hyde & Seek

Space won't be an issue with this apartment offering the ultimate in luxury living



## One Hyde Park, SW1

£45,000 per week

The largest apartment available to rent in London (at the time of writing), this stunning five-bedroom property is located in the landmark One Hyde Park development.

Stretching across the entire floor of one of the four pavilions, boasting magnificent views of Knightsbridge and Hyde Park, the property is divided into two wings. The bedrooms are to be found in the city wing, while the living and reception spaces are in the park wing, linked by an impressive 50-metre hallway.

The formal reception room (with balcony) enjoys a 180-degree view over Hyde Park and The Serpentine. Connected via sliding pocket doors to a large dining room seating 10, it is perfect for entertaining on a grand scale. There is also a more intimate 'winter salon' as well as a media room and study. The large kitchen has been fitted with Bulthaup units and Gaggenau appliances, and there is a separate preparation kitchen.

At the opposite end of the apartment, the master bedroom looks south over Knightsbridge, stretching

**The apartment boasts magnificent views of Knightsbridge and Hyde Park**

from Westminster in the east to Chelsea Harbour to the west. It has a separate sitting area, as well as his and hers bathrooms, accessible via independent dressing areas. The bathrooms feature continuous stone plinths with sunken marble basins, cavernous walk-in showers and double-ended freestanding baths. Four further bedroom suites are finished to the same superb standard.

One Hyde Park offers an unparalleled range of services and amenities, managed by Mandarin Oriental Hotels. The communal areas, including the superb spa and recreation facilities, the double-height reception lobby, the Park Library and the Serpentine Suite were designed by Candy & Candy, world-renowned for their uncompromising attention to detail and style.

Savills Knightsbridge, 020 7584 8585



# Belgravia

In one of London's most exclusive locations, Belgravia property is popular with buyers from all over the world

It's no wonder Belgravia enjoys a special sort of exclusivity among prime central London locations when you consider that many of the classic white stucco houses were designed by the same architect who created the eastern front of Buckingham Palace. Thomas Cubitt was commissioned by the Grosvenor family in the mid-19th century, who saw an opportunity to build grand homes close to the palace. Much of the area is still run by the Grosvenor Estate, which is owned by the Duke of Westminster.

Home to the rich and famous, Belgravia is seen as a sound area for property investment and naturally attracts buyers from around the globe. With its foreign embassies, exclusive shops and restaurants, and attractive garden squares such as Belgrave Square and Eaton Square, it has become one of the most sought-after – and expensive – locations in which to live in central London. Property here isn't as readily available as other prime areas and is often snapped up as soon as it comes to market.

## *Ideal pied-a-terre*

Groome Place, SW1

£1,850,000

Tucked away in this charming mews just off Chester Street and close to Belgrave Square, this modernised house features an elegant first-floor drawing room, master bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom and garage (currently used as dining room). *Lurot Brand, 020 7590 9955*

## *View to a thrill*

Upper Belgrave Street, SW1X

£3,750 per week

This fourth and fifth-floor maisonette in the heart of Belgravia benefits from a wonderful roof terrace with far reaching views over London. It has three double bedrooms, three bathrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen and study. *WA Ellis, 020 7306 1630*



## *Peaceful location*

Dorset Mews, SW1

£3,200 per week

This lovely house is situated in a quiet location in the heart of Belgravia. Recently refurbished throughout, it has a reception room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, and two further en-suite bedrooms, and it also benefits from secure underground parking.

*Strutt & Parker, 020 7235 9959*



## *Dizzy heights*

Belgrave Mews South, SW1

£7,950 per week

Set behind a discrete and unassuming exterior, this refurbished four-bedroom mews house with garage boasts an impressive double-height ground-floor reception space with open-plan kitchen and a further formal reception space at first-floor level, both of which run the width of the house.

*Savills, 020 7584 8585*

# The Annual SW1 Sales directory

## SAVILLS

**Head of Sales:** Noel De Keyzer

**Head of Lettings:** Alexis Stackhouse

**Company Profile:** Our unique combination of sector knowledge and entrepreneurial flair gives clients access to real estate expertise across 200 offices worldwide.

**Typical Property:** Flats and houses from £500,000 to £50m or £500p.w. to £20,000p.w.

**Tips to Seller:** Seek advice from three agents who have a track record of handling the sale or letting of your type of property.

**Tips to Buyer:** Familiarise yourself with the geographical area of your search and get to know the key agents who handle those properties.

**Market Comment:** Quarter one 2012 has seen growth of 3 percent in prime central London.  
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## JOHN D WOOD & Co

**Head of Sales:** Hugo Headlam

**Head of Lettings:** Rachel Askew

**Company Profile:** Celebrating 140 years of sales in central London built on our professional ethos.

**Typical Property:** We are active across the spectrum and delight in acting for committed sellers.

**Tips to Seller:** Do not be afraid to quote a realistic guide price.

**Tips to Buyer:** The more information you give an agent the more you will get in return.

**Market Comment:** Strong international and domestic demand coupled with an acute shortage of sellers.  
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## HENRY & JAMES

**Head of Sales:** Charles Hamilton

**Head of Lettings:** Kamila Tomaskovicova

**Company Profile:** Henry & James is a bijoux agency with the ability to offer a dedicated service to both buyers and sellers especially from overseas.

**Typical Property:** We can sell anything from a one bedroom flat to a large house and specialise in Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Mayfair.

**Tips to Seller:** Make sure you know where you want to move to and are familiar with the market there

**Tips to Buyer:** Don't underestimate the market! It is moving fast, especially good quality property.

**Market Comment:** The investment market is very strong, it is an excellent time to be selling.

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## HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL

**Head of Sales:** Nathaniel Wilde

**Head of Lettings:** Glen Ford

**Company Profile:** One of the UK's leading Estate Agents with over 85 offices worldwide.

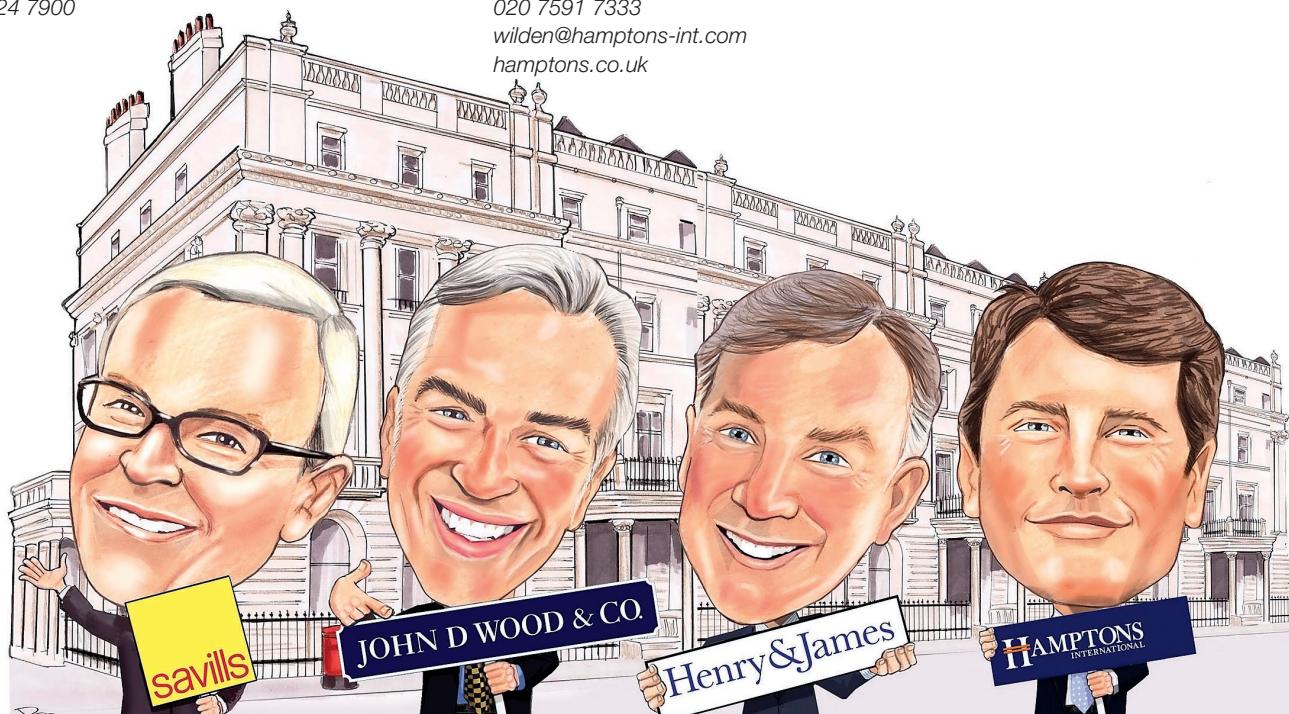
**Typical Property:** Hamptons International offer a bespoke selling service for a wide spectrum of properties.

**Tips to Seller:** Choose an agent who offers strong local presence combined with International reach.

**Tips to Buyer:** It is vital to act decisively in a market where there are many more buyers than sellers.

**Market Comment:** Increasing International uncertainty means Central London property continues to offer safe opportunities.

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## SAVILLS

**Head of Sales:** Barbara Allen

**Head of Lettings:** Mark Tunstall

**Company Profile:** Leading global real estate service provider that leads rather than follows.

**Typical Property:** House and flats of all shapes and sizes!

**Tips to Seller:** Good presentation is vital. Trust your agent and don't always be tempted by the highest valuation. Have your paperwork ready.

**Tips to Buyer:** Be proactive, talk to your agent and move decisively when necessary.

**Market Comment:** The London market is still strong with demand most strong for turn-key properties.

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## DOUGLAS & GORDON

**Head of Sales:** Alexander Leschallas

**Head of Lettings:** Louise Verrall

**Company Profile:** Professional, proactive company excelling in residential sales and lettings.

**Typical Property:** High quality flats and houses in Pimlico and Westminster.

**Tips to Seller:** Good presentation is always essential and creates a good first impression. Have all your paperwork in order to hand over to your solicitor.

**Tips to Buyer:** Give your agent as much information as possible regarding your requirements.

**Market Comment:** Spring has arrived and demand for property continues to be high. As a result properties coming to the market are attracting huge competition.

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## BODENS

**Head of Sales:** Nick Boden

**Head of Lettings:** Lizzie Young

**Company Profile:** Established in 1994 we relaunched as BODENS in June 2009. Owner Nick Boden has experience of the Chelsea Market since 1981 and has specialised in luxury flats and houses.

**Typical Property:** Apartments and family houses throughout Kensington and Chelsea.

**Tips to Seller:** Condition, accurate pricing and strong marketing will produce the expected results.

**Tips to Buyer:** Be bold, be decisive and be prepared to compromise.

**Market Comment:** Cash buyers from Europe and the Far, and Middle East are proving to be the best buyers.

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## MARSH & PARSONS

**Head of Sales:** Jake Civardi

**Head of Lettings:** Chris Coombes

**Company Profile:** An established, forward thinking estate agency with 16 offices.

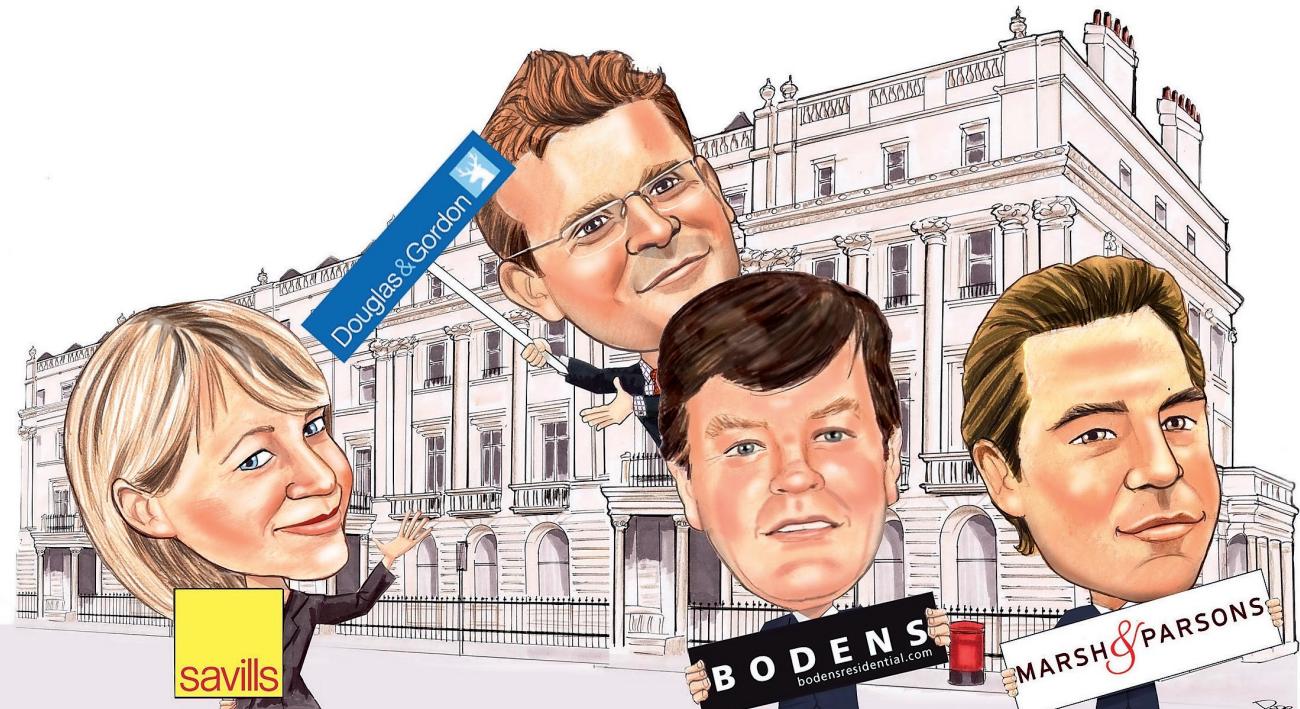
**Typical Property:** Pimlico & Westminster offer varied types of properties ranging from large period houses to modern studio apartments.

**Tips to Seller:** A well presented property is key because it leaves a lasting and positive first impression.

**Tips to Buyer:** Have all your finances in place, a solicitor instructed and ensure you are able to move quickly.

**Market Comment:** Pimlico and Westminster offers a central London location which is still very affordable in comparison to our neighbouring boroughs.

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## Promotional Feature

### BEST GAPP

**Head of Sales:** Alistair Boscowen

**Head of Lettings:** Philip Baillie-Smith

**Company Profile:** An independent partnership of Estate Agents, Surveyors, and Property Consultants.

**Typical Property:** Flats and houses between £500,000 and £30,000,000.

**Tips to Seller:** Instruct a knowledgeable and experienced local agent and listen to their advice, particularly on price.

**Tips to Buyer:** Make sure your finances are arranged and your Solicitor is instructed so you can move quickly.

**Market Comment:** A continued demand from overseas buyers who see London as a safe place to invest in property is keeping demand and values high.

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### CLUTTONS

**Head of Sales:** Toby Whittome

**Head of Lettings:** Richard Hole

**Company Profile:** Cluttons is a partnership of chartered surveyors and property consultants, founded in 1765.

**Typical Property:** Regardless of the size or value of a property we will work tirelessly to achieve the best outcome.

**Tips to Seller:** Instruct Cluttons, we promise you will never regret it!

**Tips to Buyer:** Purchasing property is tough and it is stressful, but by doing so through an agent that you like and trust you will reduce these frustrations.

**Market Comment:** Wherever your property is situated it's worth being a cautious with your guide price.

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### STRUTT & PARKER

**Head of Sales:** Charlie Willis

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**Company Profile:** A national Partnership with a large headquarter office based at 13 Hill Street, just off Berkeley Square.

**Typical Property:** We handle the sale and letting of some of the best flats and houses in the market.

**Tips to Seller:** We work with sellers to mould their sale for them and their own personal situations.

**Tips to Buyer:** Whilst there is a lack of stock in the market place, it is always worth registering with us – we may well know of properties that aren't openly available in the market but could be unlocked.

**Market Comment:** 2012 has been a very busy year for property transactions with increases in £ per square foot being achieved across the prime market.

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### HARRODS ESTATES

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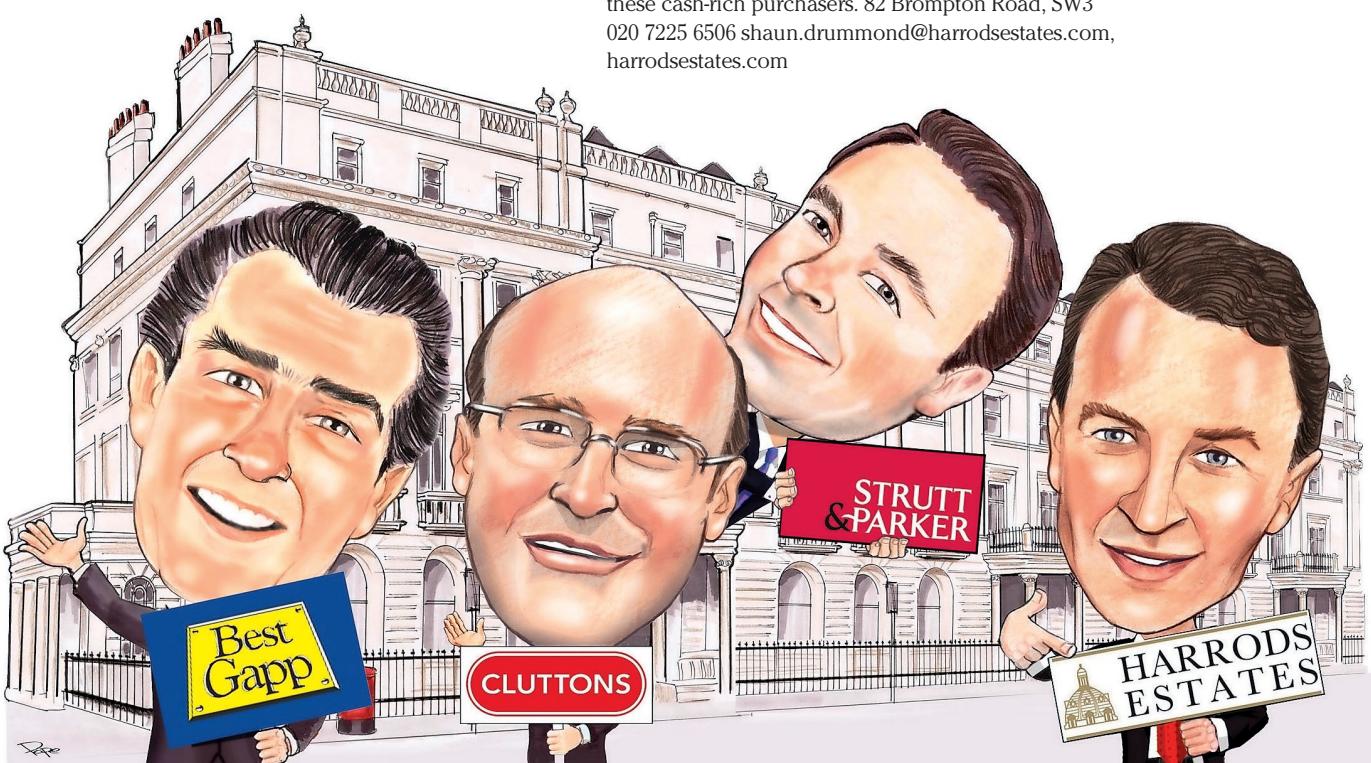
**Company Profile:** Originally established in 1897, Harrods Estates operates as a luxury real estate office.

**Typical Property:** Large apartments and houses in Belgravia, Kensington & Knightsbridge.

**Tips to Seller:** Presentation is paramount. You only have one chance to make a first impression.

**Tips to Buyer:** Ideally purchasers should have their financing arranged.

**Market Comment:** We have been very fortunate that our unique brand continues to act as a magnet for these cash-rich purchasers. 82 Brompton Road, SW3  
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## JONES LANG LASALLE

**Head of Sales:** Peter Preedy

**Company Profile:** Since its merger with King Sturge in 2011, Jones Lang LaSalle has acquired a well-established Motcomb Street office and expanded its reach into Central London residential agency. With JLL's international exposure and office network, especially in the Far East, all new instructions are directly exposed to a much wider market place than other smaller firms can offer.

**Typical Property:** Individual flats and houses with a strong presence in new developments re-sales.

**Tips to Seller:** Always ask your agent to justify the price at which they want to market your property.

**Tips to Buyer:** Use an agent you get on with and trust and, if needs be, consider retaining them as that relationship could prove invaluable when they come to negotiate a purchase price on your behalf.

**Market Comment:** The truly global appeal of Prime London residential property has really come to the fore in the last year, with increased activity from troubled European nations like Italy, Greece and Spain.

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## SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL

### REALTY

**Head of Sales:** Pete Bevan

**Head of Lettings:** Nicole Bisson

**Company Profile:** Born from the Private Client department at Sotheby's, we now have over 550 offices worldwide, with referrals to us of HNW individuals looking to buy or sell in prime central London.

**Typical Property:** Elegant pieds-à-terre to ambassadorial residences.

**Tips to Seller:** Presentation, realistic pricing and open marketing are essential.

**Tips to Buyer:** Be prepared!

**Market Comment:** The spring market is buoyant

although still price sensitive.

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## BEAUCHAMP ESTATES

**Head of Sales:** Penelope Court BA

**Head of Lettings:** Piers Cowley

**Company Profile:** Beauchamp Estates has been at the heart of the Prime Central London residential and commercial property markets for more than 35 years.

**Typical Property:** Luxury property in Prime Central London locations: Belgravia and Regent's Park mansions, Knightsbridge penthouses, first floor flats in Eaton Sq or Grosvenor Sq are our stock in trade.

**Tips to Seller:** Immaculately presented properties will always get the attention of any potential buyer – warm in winter and cool in the summer, fresh flowers and a warm welcome and flexibility in schedule are basic essentials in selling.

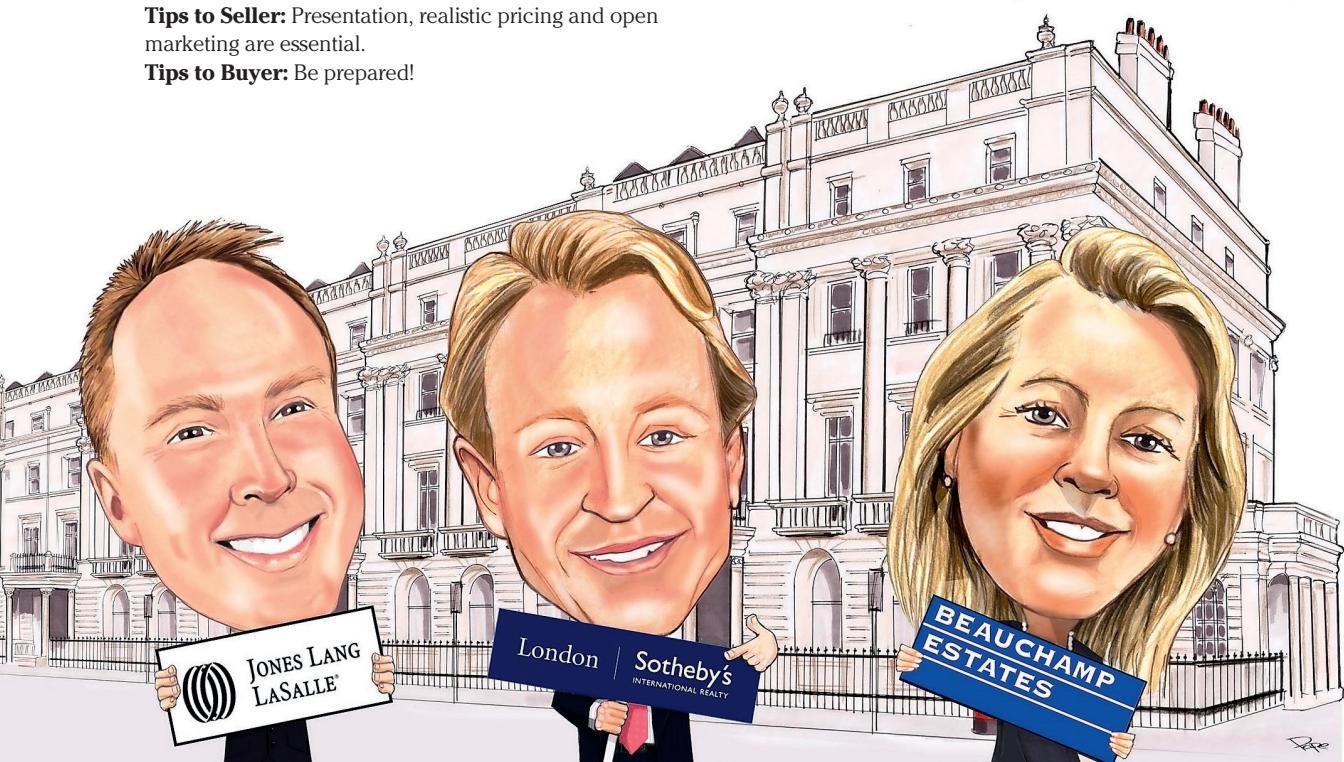
**Tips to Buyer:** The Prime Central London market is extremely active and we have seen marked increases in the price per sq.ft. If you find a property that fulfills your dreams don't prevaricate – make your best bid and act quickly.

**Market Comment:** Overseas interest in the Prime London housing market continues unabated as we roll into spring. Russian and Indian buyers continue to dominate the top end of the market followed by buyers from Europe and the Middle East, all looking for homes and investment properties within the capital.

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# Ambitious

When you are looking to sell or rent,  
our ambitious teams will bring energy  
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best results this spring.

Andrew Gunn-Forbes, sales negotiator in Kensington is typical of our dynamic staff. With over a decade of experience in residential London sales, Andrew brings plenty of local knowledge and enthusiasm to selling your home.

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## Royal Borough Living Woodsford Square Kensington W14

A luxuriously bespoke freehold family home (217 sq m/2,338 sq ft approx.) prestigiously situated in the heart of Holland Park in a sought after gated, garden square development. This well proportioned home has been fully refurbished to an exceptionally high specification throughout. 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, utility room, cloakroom, balcony, garden, off street parking, garden square.

**Freehold £3,500,000**

**Kensington office**

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**Picturesque Location**  
**Hillsleigh Road Kensington W8**

A unique and beautiful freehold home (137 sq m/1,479 sq ft approx.) prestigiously situated in a tranquil and highly desirable Kensington location complete with access to the exclusive Campden Hill Square by separate negotiation. Elegantly arranged over three floors, this superb property is in excellent condition throughout having recently been refurbished. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, double reception room, dining room, kitchen, patio garden.

**Freehold £2,600,000**

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## **Heart of Kensington Iverna Court Kensington W8**

A newly refurbished apartment (97 sq m/1,044 sq ft approx.) situated in this sought after portered building moments south of Kensington High Street. The property has been finished to exacting standards with great attention to detail further benefiting from granite surfaces in the fully integrated kitchen and contemporary style bathrooms. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan reception room/kitchen, porter, lift, access to garden square.

**Share of freehold £965,000**

**Kensington office**

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## Lateral Living Elsham Road Kensington W14

A superb light and spacious, lateral apartment (105 sq m/1,130 sq ft approx.) situated within a handsome and well maintained period building. This beautiful west facing property is in very good condition throughout offering vast and luxurious living and entertaining areas. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, patio.

Share of freehold £850,000

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## Picturesque Mews

### Drayson Mews Kensington W8

A bright and spacious house situated on a beautiful cobbled mews. The property has recently redecorated to an exceptionally high standard and offers wooden floors and excellent storage. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room, kitchen, terrace.

**Unfurnished £1,500 per week**

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## Excellent Entertaining

### Brick Street Mayfair W1

A large lateral flat located on the third floor of a well maintained portered block. Park Towers is a modern development offering stunning views over Hyde Park. Ideally located for access to Green Park and Hyde Park Corner Underground stations. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, kitchen, lift.

**Unfurnished £1,200 per week**

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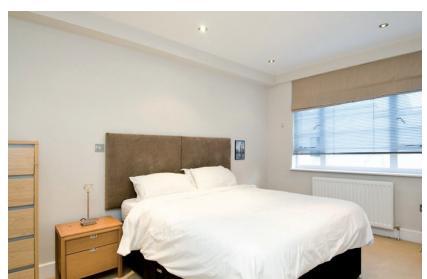
## Prime Kensington Observatory Gardens Kensington W8

An elegant flat situated in this highly sought after portered red brick period building which is finished to a high standard. The flat boasts wood floors and marble bathrooms. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), reception room, kitchen, private patio, 24 hour porter.

Furnished £895 per week

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## Stunning Finish Sloane Avenue Chelsea SW3

A new refurbished ground floor flat in a well maintained portered block. The property is spacious and benefits from excellent storage and wooden floors throughout. 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, kitchen, 24 hour portage.

Furnished £850 per week

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## Courtfield Gardens, SW5

A stunning first floor flat, beautifully refurbished with terrace over looking the garden square

£1,200,000  
Share of freehold



- One bedroom
- First floor
- Open plan reception
- Private terrace
- Recently refurbished
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Queens Gate Terrace, SW7

An spacious three bedroom flat immaculately refurbished close to Hyde Park and Gloucester Road

**£1,995,000**

Share of freehold



- Three bedrooms
- Two receptions and Study
- Private patio
- Direct lift access
- Close to Hyde Park
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Tilton Street, SW6

An impressive three double bedroom house with a separate annexe just off Lillie Road

**£1,550,000**

Freehold



- Three double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Annexe
- Off-street parking
- Private garden
- West Brompton underground

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## Old Brompton Road, SW5

A beautifully presented two bedroom, two bathroom flat in South Kensington

£1,200,000  
Leasehold



- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Good decorative order
- Private patio
- Direct access to communal gardens
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Bolton Gardens, SW5

A wonderful one bedroom flat in a period conversion on a popular South Kensington Road

£650,000  
Share of freehold



- One bedroom
- Top floor with lift
- Separate kitchen
- Period conversion
- Share of freehold
- Earls Court underground

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## Trebovir Road, SW5

A recently refurbished two bedroom flat with a wonderful reception space in Earl's Court.



**£835,000 Share of freehold**

- Two bedrooms
- Recently refurbished
- Spacious vaulted reception
- Separate kitchen
- Period conversion
- Earl's Court underground

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## Rosary Gardens, SW7

A spacious one bedroom flat in good order and with access to beautiful communal gardens



**£650,000 Leasehold**

- One double bedroom
- Spacious reception
- Separate kitchen
- Wooden flooring
- Communal gardens
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Halford Road, SW6

Two double bedroom ground floor flat which has been extensively extended in West Brompton



**£609,000 Leasehold**

- Two double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms (two en-suites)
- South facing garden
- Modern newly installed kitchen
- Extended and extensively refurbished
- Fulham Broadway underground

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## Kings Road, SW6

Two double bedroom refurbished flat with a private balcony and roof terrace on the Kings Road



**£465,000 Leasehold**

- Two double bedrooms
- Recently refurbished
- Original stucco period features
- Private balcony and roof terrace
- First floor
- Fulham Broadway underground

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## Bolton Gardens, SW5

A well proportioned three bedroom house with a private roof terrace, located just off Earls Court Road and short distance to Gloucester Road

£1,700 p/w  
Furnished/Unfurnished



- Utility room
- Two bathrooms
- Large separate kitchen
- Arranged over three floors
- Wood floors
- Earls Court Underground



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## Mimosa Street, SW6

Four double bedroom house with a private garden and roof terrace in Parsons Green

**£1,250 p/w**

Unfurnished



- Four double bedrooms
- Double reception room
- Separate kitchen and dining area
- Private garden and roof terrace
- Split over four floors
- Parsons Green underground

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## Elvaston Place, SW7

A raised ground floor two bedroom flat  
in South Kensington

**£825 p/w**

Furnished



- Bedrooms with storage
- Two bathrooms (one en-suite)
- Raised Ground Floor
- Wood floors throughout
- Open plan kitchen
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Campana Road, SW6

Totally refurbished two double bedroom house  
in the heart of Parsons Green

£650 p/w

Unfurnished



- Two double bedrooms
- Double reception room
- Separate kitchen and utility area
- Private garden
- Family size bathroom
- Parsons Green underground

Fulham lettings  
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## Redfield Lane, SW5

Two bedroom flat with a private roof terrace  
in Kenway Village

£575 p/w

Furnished



- Two bedrooms
- Private roof terrace
- Fitted wardrobes
- Second floor of a conversion
- Separate kitchen
- Earls Court underground

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## Elm Park Lane, SW3

Two double bedroom mews house with a private garage near Fulham Road



**£650 p/w Furnished**

- Bedrooms overlooking the mews
- Contemporary bathroom
- Private garage
- Living room with dining area
- Separate kitchen
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Harwood Road, SW6

Spacious two double bedroom flat in the heart of Fulham Broadway



**£550 p/w Furnished**

- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious living room with wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Raised ground floor
- Family size bathroom
- Fulham Broadway underground

Fulham lettings 020 7384 1400

## Ashburn Gardens, SW7

Two bedroom flat with a private patio close to Gloucester Road



**£595 p/w Furnished**

- Living room with dining space
- Open plan kitchen
- Private patio
- Fitted wardrobes
- Victorian conversion
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Eardley Crescent, SW5

Raised ground floor two bedroom flat with a private garden in Earls Court



**£550 p/w Furnished**

- Two bedrooms
- Raised ground floor
- Private garden
- Re-decorated
- Separate kitchen
- Earls Court underground

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## Kelvedon Road, SW6

Contemporary ground floor two bedroom with a private patio in Parson Green



**£475 p/w Part furnished**

- Two bathrooms
- Two double bedrooms
- Wood floors
- Open plan kitchen
- Private paved garden
- Parson Green underground

Fulham lettings  
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# Henry&James

Est. 1950



**Old Brompton Road, SW5**

**£1,200,000 | Share of Freehold**

Beautifully refurbished two bedroom flat on the second floor (Lift) of this handsome Victorian mansion block. The apartment boasts a very well proportioned reception room with high ceilings, a natural sitting area and a dining area adjacent to the well fitted open plan kitchen. There is a good sized main bedroom and a large bathroom. Richmond Mansions is well located to benefit from extensive shopping and restaurant facilities with Earls Court underground station nearby.

Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Large reception room, Open-plan kitchen, Lift.

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# Henry&James

Est. 1950



**Wilton Place, SW1X**

**Price on Application | Freehold**

An immaculate, intelligently designed house offering nearly 4000sq ft of well laid out accommodation. The presence of a lift, leisure area (including pool) and a stunning west facing terrace provide a sense of luxury which is complimented by the easy accessibility to venues such as the Berkeley Hotel opposite. Hyde Park, renowned Knightsbridge shopping and West End entertainment are temptingly convenient.

Master suite, Five further bedrooms, Drawing room, Dining room, 'State of the art' kitchen, Study, Leisure area with pool, Rear terrace, Front terrace, Lift.

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Est. 1950



## Douro Place, W8

£3,950 p.w | Unfurnished

A stunning architect-designed house situated on this quiet, residential street in the village-like area between Gloucester Road and High Street Kensington. This spacious family home features a contemporary L-shaped kitchen/reception room with large glass doors leading directly on to a wonderful south-facing garden. The lower ground floor is ideal for staff accommodation, with a self-contained living unit and utility room, as well as a large garage. Upstairs, the family space includes a spacious master bedroom suite, three further bedrooms, a study area and a roof terrace. The property has wood flooring throughout and the décor is neutral and modern.

Five bedrooms, Three bathrooms, Reception room, Guest cloakroom, Utility room, Study area.

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Est. 1950



**Sloane Gardens, SW1W**

**£995 p.w | Furnished**

A wonderful apartment on the third floor of this imposing red-brick period building, located on a quiet tree-lined avenue just a few moments from Sloane Square. A glass roof dome and windows with lovely views to both east and west sides of the building provide an abundance of natural light. The flat has been newly refurbished and decorated throughout in a contemporary style by BRAHM Interiors. Stained oak floors have been laid in reception areas and brand new carpets in the bedrooms. Available immediately for a long term let.

Two bedrooms, Two bathrooms, Study, Newly refurbished, Interior designed, Resident housekeeper, Professionally managed.

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## Chapel Street SW1X

This charming Grade II listed town house offers an abundance of period features and provides a wonderful opportunity for the purchaser to modernise, re-arrange and perhaps enlarge to suit their own requirements  
 drawing room | dining room | sitting room | 4 bedrooms (1 en suite) | 3 further bathrooms | kitchen/breakfast room |  
 snug | study | 2 cloakrooms | roof terrace | south-facing garden | separate garage with 44 year lease

Guide price £5,600,000 freehold



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### Clabon Mews SW1X

A stunning newly developed house in one of Knightsbridge's most desirable mews situated behind Cadogan Square. The property has been completely rebuilt to create light, generous, air conditioned rooms  
drawing room | master bedroom (en suite) with dressing room | 3 further bedrooms (2 en suite)  
kitchen/dining room | garage

Guide price £6,250,000 freehold

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### Bourne Street SW1W

A stunning, newly refurbished Belgravia townhouse, with charming period features, plenty of storage and decorated to a high standard, ideally situated between Sloane Square and Eaton Square

2 reception rooms | dining room with open-plan kitchen | 3 double bedrooms (2 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | further bedroom/study | guest cloakroom | air conditioning | garden

£2,000 per week unurnished



### Cadogan Gardens SW3

A newly refurbished first floor apartment in Cadogan Gardens. This contemporary apartment benefits from four double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes and two modern bathrooms. Cadogan Gardens is located just off the Kings Road, with all the shops and transport links of Sloane Square and Sloane Street close by

reception with open-plan kitchen | 4 double bedrooms | 2 bathrooms

£1,600 per week furnished





### Onslow Gardens SW7

A fabulous, bright, south-facing apartment located on the second floor of this immaculate period conversion overlooking the communal gardens, perfectly situated to enjoy all the amenities of Chelsea  
 entrance hall | reception room | 2 double bedrooms (1 en suite) | single bedroom | further bathroom |  
 kitchen/breakfast room | lift | communal gardens

£1,395 per week furnished



### Cornwall Gardens SW7

A lovely first floor flat in a desirable block within a lovely garden square boasting a bright reception room leading to a south-facing terrace with views over the stunning square gardens. Cornwall Gardens is located only a short walk from Gloucester Road underground station and all the amenities the area has to offer  
 reception room | 2 double bedrooms (1 en suite) | bathroom | kitchen | terrace

£1,195 per week unfurnished



# PLAZA estates



## ORCHARD COURT, W1

A truly stunning and rare opportunity to purchase this interior designed top floor ambassadorial penthouse apartment, extending to 2,594 sq ft, in one of the finest buildings in London. Moments from Selfridges department store as well as Mayfair and Marylebone.

3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms (En-suite), Reception Room/Dining Room, Guest Cloakroom, Smallbone Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Lift, 24 Hour Porterage, Access to Communal Gardens, Multi Media System, Lutron Lighting.

**LEASEHOLD 90 YEARS**

**£7,500,000**



## CORNWALL CRESCENT, W11

With its own private entrance, an extremely bright recently modernised two bedroom flat, extending to 548 sq ft, with a large south facing private garden. Ideally located close to Ladbroke Grove and Holland Park underground stations and close to the shops, boutiques and restaurants of Notting Hill.

Reception Room - 2 Bedrooms - Bathroom - En-suite Shower Room - Fitted Kitchen - Landscaped South Facing Garden

**SHARE OF FREEHOLD**

**SOLE AGENTS**

**£575,000**

# PLAZA estates



## CHELSEA RIVERSIDE, SW10

Selection of stunning 2 bedroom flats (1650 sq ft approx) situated in a brand new warehouse development directly overlooking the River.

2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Reception Room, Kitchen, Large Balcony, Underground Parking, Lift, Porter, Air Conditioning

**FROM £1150 PER WEEK**

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### LANCASTER TERRACE, W2

Spacious and bright three bedroom apartment on the fourth floor of this excellent block close to Kensington Gardens.

3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift.

**£1625 PER WEEK**

# LUROT BRAND



## CORNWALL GARDENS WALK, SW7

An exceptional mews house offering flexible and spacious (c.4000 sq ft) of accommodation.

Reception, dining room, kitchen/diner, TV room, 5 double bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, library, garage, roof terrace.

**£3,950 per week Unfurnished**

South Kensington Office 020 7590 9955



## HORBURY MEWS, W11

An exquisitely refurbished Notting Hill house which is spacious, bright and finished to the highest of standards..

Reception room, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), TV room/bedroom 4, small balcony, patio, garage.

**£2,750 per week Unfurnished**

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## PEMBRIDGE MEWS, W11

Charming and bright newly redecorated mews house with a patio courtyard and garage.

Reception, semi open-plan kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, shower room, patio courtyard, garage.

**£1,050 per week Unfurnished**

Hyde Park Office 020 7479 1999

# LUROT BRAND



## ADAM & EVE MEWS, W8

Stunningly refurbished and extended, this four bedroom mews house with parking has been finished to an excellent standard. Reception, kitchen/dining room, 4 bedrooms., 2 shower rooms, utility room, patio garden, roof terrace, carport.

**Freehold £4,750,000 STC**

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## EAGLE PLACE, ROLAND WAY SW7

A delightful corner house with windows on three sides in this wonderful private mews.

Reception room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite shower room, cloakroom, garage & private parking.

**Freehold £2,500,000 STC**

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## ENNISMORE MEWS, SW7

A charming and spacious property over this picturesque cobbled Knightsbridge mews.

Reception room, kitchen, bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, small patio.

**Share of Freehold £1,950,000 STC**

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## QUEEN'S GATE MEWS, SW7

A charming three bedroomeed south facing house tucked away in this popular cobbled mews in the heart of south Kensington.

Reception room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, bathroom, large entrance hall.

**Freehold £1,950,000 STC**

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## Dilke Street, Chelsea SW3

An imaginatively designed house with a stylish contemporary interior.

- Reception room • Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom & dressing room
- 2nd Bedroom with ensuite bathroom • Kitchen breakfast family room
- Media room • Laundry room • Garage



**Furnished £2,350 per week**

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## Brompton Lodge, South Kensington SW7

109 sq m / 1172 sq m

**Beautifully refurbished with a patio garden, ideal for summer entertaining.**

- Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom
- 2nd Bedroom with ensuite shower room
- Reception room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Patio garden
- Lift



**Share of Freehold £1,550,000**

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## EATON MEWS NORTH, BELGRAVIA, SW1

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**Wilton Place £7,000,000**

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### Chelsea Crescent, Chelsea Harbour, SW10 £1,700,000

On the third floor of this prestigious development this refurbished apartment has two spacious bedroom suites. The sitting room and master bedroom, have both fabulous views along the Thames as well as a full length terrace for entertaining.

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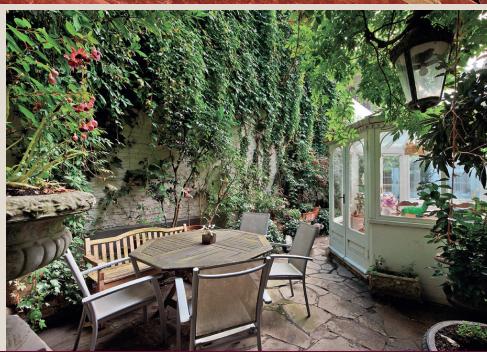
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Sarah Price, Executive Assistant  
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# Old Church Street · London · SW3



Quietly located behind a wall fronting on to Old Church Street and entered through its own courtyard garden this charming freehold house is arranged primarily over three floors.

4 bedrooms · 3 bathrooms · Studio style reception room ·  
Kitchen · Dining room · Study · TV room · Utility room ·  
Cloakroom · Garden · Terrace

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**Freehold**

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**£4,000,000 STC**

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Joint Sole Agent  
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## Cremorne Road, London, SW10

A spacious and stylish one bedoomed ground floor flat with contemporary furniture and fittings and benefitting from a secluded patio garden.

Double Bedroom • Reception Room • Kitchen • Bathroom • Patio Garden

Furnished

£495 per week



## Chelsea Manor Street, London, SW3

A newly refurbished, two bedroom flat on the seventh floor (with lift) of this portered building, just off the Kings Road.

2 Bedrooms (1 Double, 1 Single) • Open plan kitchen/reception room  
Bathroom • Shower Room • Balcony

Unfurnished

£600 per week



## Redcliffe Mews, London, SW10

A charming, newly refurbished maisonette, in a quiet mews, close to the shops and restaurants on the Fulham Road and Old Brompton Road.

2 Double Bedrooms • Open plan kitchen/reception room  
2 Bathrooms (1 En-Suite)

Unfurnished

£750 per week



## Ifield Road, London, SW10

A newly refurbished and contemporary maisonette on the second and third floors of a period house in Chelsea.

2 Double Bedrooms • Open plan kitchen/reception room  
Bathroom • Shower Room • Terrace

Furnished

£650 per week

# FRIEND & FALCKE

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Roland Way, SW7

£5,550,000

A wonderful four bedroom freehold house of nearly 3,000sqft with a double garage and a 26ft west facing garden, peacefully situated in a private mews in South Kensington.

- Freehold
- Four bedrooms

- Three reception rooms
- Four bathrooms

- Parking for 4 cars
- 26ft west facing garden

# FRIEND & FALCKE



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## Sloane Avenue, SW3

£1,095,000

An amazing, beautifully refurbished, two double bedroom, two bathroom flat with a lift on the fourth floor of a landmark building in the heart of Chelsea.

- Long lease
- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Lift and 24hr porter

- Air conditioning
- Close to underground



## Bolton Gardens, SW5

£1,150 pw

A beautiful raised ground floor two bedroom flat benefitting from direct access to communal gardens, ideally located close to South Kensington.

- Two bedrooms
- Large double reception room
- Separate kitchen

- Ensuite bathroom and shower room
- Communal gardens
- Close to underground

## Redcliffe Gardens, SW10

£725 pw

A wonderful first floor spacious two double bedroom flat situated close to the restaurants and wine bars of Fulham Road.

- Two bedrooms
- Large double reception room
- Separate kitchen

- Ensuite shower room & bathroom
- Terrace
- Close to underground





## LOWNDES SQUARE SW1

A first floor three bedroom flat in superb condition throughout overlooking the gardens of Lowndes Square.

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- Shower room
- 805 sq ft

**£550 per week**  
Furnished



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A newly refurbished first floor mansion flat in Chelsea located close to the River Thames.

- 4 Bedrooms
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- Double reception room

- Kitchen
- Balcony
- 24 Hour porter

- Lift
- Unfurnished
- 1,545 sq ft

**£1,850 per week**

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- Studio (with pull-down bed)
- Shower Room
- Terrace
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- Porter and lift

- CH & HW
- Furnished
- 293 sq ft

**£385 per week**

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# Lettings directory

Dominique Coleman, Lettings Manager at Rickman Properties, considers the current market

This 1st quarter of 2012 has been quite mixed with a shortage of good quality properties on offer and with rents pretty static across the board.

What has been evident is that many current tenants have decided to stay in their current homes rather than seek alternative accommodation and with their 'current employment situation' being a big factor too of course! Obviously the 'Olympic lettings' has been a big talking point this year and how much one can achieve during this event has been a topic of conversation.

Amid rumours with some frightening statistics overall it appears to be calming down and the reality is that these huge values have not been achieved. In fact Kensington & Chelsea, as well as Westminster councils, have made a statement that they will NOT grant short let licenses for individuals during this period. So if you are thinking of renting out your property on a short lease during the Olympics, be aware!

As an independent, Rickman services the entire Royal borough and the demand is still high in this area especially for large lateral apartments in and around South Kensington. A perfect example is an entire building in Queens Gate which Rickman Properties are currently marketing with six completely refurbished apartments ranging from £700 per week to £2,500 per week for the penthouse apartment with direct lift access and within a few weeks we only have two apartments left. Of course one bedroom apartments always seem to be in demand, but on the other hand there is a shortage of corporate family houses to rent within the Royal Borough.

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£695 per week

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£1250 per week

- ◆ Reception room
- ◆ Kitchen
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- ◆ Communal gardens

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Collingham Gardens, SW5

£1750 per week

- ◆ Drawing room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Two bathrooms

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Cadogan Court Gardens, SW1

£2950 per week

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- ◆ Three bathrooms
- ◆ One reception

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Wilton Terrace, SW1X

£1300 per week

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- ◆ Reception room

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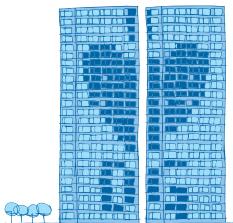
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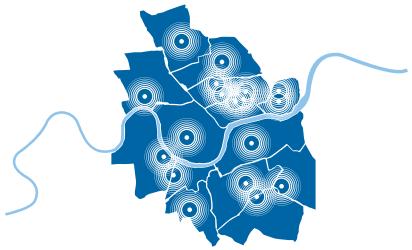
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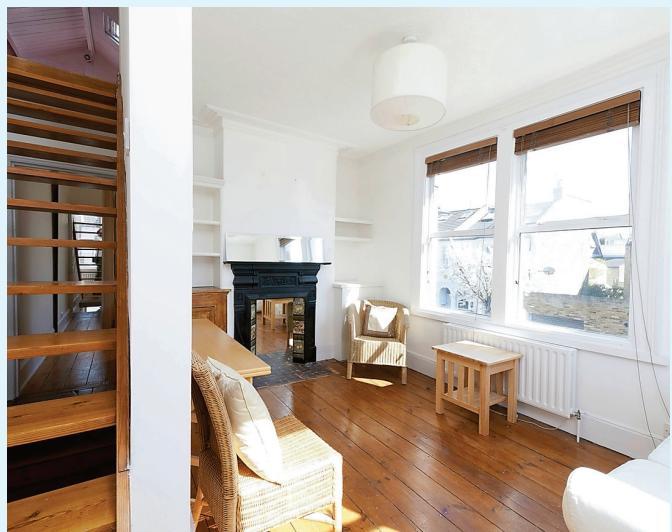


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